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Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of copy of your letter dated July 12, 1937, addressed to the Oklahoma City Division.

I am unable to definitely recall any specific instance where Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers, Police Department, Hot Springs, Arkansas, former Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin, Lieutenant Cecil Brock or other Hot Springs officers discussed Alvin Karpis and the fact that he was a fugitive from justice. I feel certain in my own mind that Karpis was discussed with Akers at some time at least informally. Although I have given the matter much thought, I can not recall any specific time or place or the circumstances surrounding same. Such a conversation may have taken place in Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the Bureau Office at Little Rock, or in the Federal Building at Kansas City, Missouri, where Akers appeared as a witness in the Kansas City Massacre case.

I personally do not recall having seen the large \$1,200.00 reward circular bearing the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker hanging on a door in the Hot Springs City Jail for about a year after the murder of Sheriff Kelly at West Plains, Missouri, in the year 1932. As Phoenix Donald, alias William Weaver came from a point near Mammoth Springs, Arkansas, just South of West Plains, Missouri, and was under investigation by the Little Rock Office to a considerable extent in that vicinity, I am somewhat familiar with the circumstances surrounding that murder but cannot recall the reward circular mentioned.

For your information, Special Agent L. N. Chipman was Resident Agent at Little Rock, Arkansas, for approximately three years prior to the opening of the Little Rock Office in June, 1934. Agent Chipman is

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well acquainted with Herbert Akers and conferred with him on numerous occasions on official business, both before and after the opening of the Little Rock Office. Agent Chipman, who is now a Supervisor in the Bureau at Washington, D. C., would probably without question be in the best position of any employee of the Bureau to furnish you the information that you desire.

Former Special Agent Nealy E. Marshall, who I understand is now engaged in the practice of law or in the oil business in Wichita, Kansas, also worked in Little Rock, Arkansas, to quite an extent. He had several contacts with Herbert Akers. He may possibly be able to furnish you the desired information.

Former Special Agent Robert Lawrence, who prior to his entrance in the service was a member of the Police Department of Palo Alto, California, and who may have returned to that employment, was assigned exclusively to the Kansas City Massacre case in the Little Rock division for a period of time. His investigations, however, had principally to do with the development of information regarding the whereabouts of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd. It is my recollection, however, that he conducted some investigation in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He may possibly be able to furnish you the information you desire.

It is suggested that you carefully review the Kansas City Massacre file and the Bremer kidnaping file at the Little Rock Office. Possibly some memorandum or report may contain information which will bring about a recollection to interested Agents of incidents which would be of value to you in this matter.

Very truly yours,

E. E. COMROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Oklahoma City  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
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Post Office Box #1469  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
July 27, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

RE: <sup>0</sup> BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting  
herewith memoranda submitted by Special  
Agents John L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan  
as requested in your letter to the Bureau  
under date of July 16, 1937.

Very truly yours,

CHAMON FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 21, 1937, addressed to the Little Rock Division, and to a memorandum prepared by Special Agent L. M. Chipman, dated July 20, 1937 concerning the details of his interview with Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers, as is recorded in the report of former Special Agent H. E. Hollis, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated March 19, 1934.

With reference to the statement of Special Agent L. M. Chipman in his memorandum to the effect that the group photograph of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell may have been forwarded to him at Little Rock by letter from this office, please be advised that a search of the files of this office prior to the date of the above-mentioned report does not disclose such a letter or memorandum.

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Stein*  
C. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Little Rock

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1300 Biscayne Building  
Miami, Florida  
July 27, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July 16, 1937, in connection with this case, in which request was made that copies of all reports containing results of investigations in the State of Florida as to the various places of residence, and with respect to activities, of Fred Hunter be forwarded to your office for the use of the Agents now engaged in the harboring investigation at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

You are advised that a review of the files in this case covering the period of the first six months of 1936 reflects that the Little Rock Office was furnished with copies of all reports covering investigation concerning Fred Hunter.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers  
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-27-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/12-18/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>D. P. SULLIVAN</b> <span style="float: right;">ADM</span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with aliases - FUGITIVE; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

In signed statement Maudie Clark Brown tells of her association with Karpis, Hunter and Hall while employed at the Hatterie Hotel from January 13, 1936, to March 29, 1936; admits that she and other prostitutes knew Karpis' true identity about a month after she went to work for Grace Goldstein; recalls Connie Morris left the hotel on the morning she got telephone call from her mother. This woman is unable to identify Akers or other Hot Springs Police Officers as visitors to the Hatterie Hotel. Mrs. Ernest B. Dickey and son deny knowing of local police officers visiting the Woodcock home. In signed statement John Stover relates various trips where he flew Karpis, Hunter, Connie Morris, Grace Goldstein and Hall; states Grace Goldstein asked him in latter part of March, 1936, not to disclose her association with Karpis. State Trooper Ed Clarke states he had information of Karpis' presence in Hot Springs early in March, 1936, and states Cecil Brock showed him black dog hair in car of "Dutch" Akers and told Clarke this hair came from dog belonging to Karpis. James Tankersley cannot identify photograph of Karpis or Hunter as young man who chartered his plane for trip from Little Rock, Arkansas, to Corpus Christi, Texas, on January 10, 1936. Neighborhood investigation in vicinity of Hatterie Hotel unproductive. Mrs. Richard T. Galatas denies having any information regarding the harboring of Karpis at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan,  
Little Rock, Arkansas, dated July 19, 1937.

DETAILS:

This report covers the investigative activity  
of Special Agents John L. Madala, H. A. Snow,  
B. M. Suttler and the writer in the investigation of the harboring case at  
Hot Springs, Arkansas, from July 12 to July 18, 1937, inclusive.

AT TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

From the files of the Brekid case it was learned  
that Eva Owens, alias June Davis, and Maudie Clark, alias Jean Pritchard,  
had been contacted during April, 1936, by Special Agent Buchanan through  
a cab driver in Texarkana by the name of Billy Hatch. On July 14, 1937,  
Special Agents J. L. Madala and B. M. Suttler again contacted Billy Hatch  
at the Union Station Taxi Stand in Texarkana, Arkansas. Agents inquired  
of Hatch if the above named girls were still staying in Texarkana. Hatch  
stated he did not think they were at the present time and informed that he  
could find out positively from Fannie Ritter of 724 Fourth Street, a Madam  
of a house of prostitution. Agents proceeded to this address with Hatch  
in his taxi and found Fannie Ritter sitting on her porch. Agents did not  
get out, allowing Hatch to do the talking in order that Madam Ritter  
might not become suspicious and refuse to furnish the desired information.  
Madam Ritter informed Hatch that the last time she heard from June Davis  
she was in Rodessa, Louisiana, at the Rodessa Bar, Phone number 80, and  
that Jean Pritchard was now married and living in Camden, Arkansas, but  
she did not know her correct address or married name. Madam Ritter  
advised Hatch to call back later in the afternoon after one of her girls  
by the name of Jackie returned from Stamps, Arkansas, and that she could  
probably furnish the correct address.

Agents contacted Hatch several times by phone during  
the course of the afternoon and he finally advised Agents to go out and talk  
to Madam Ritter in person, stating that she was all right and would give  
us what information she had. Agents proceeded to Madam Ritter's house  
and talked to her there at length about these two above named girls and  
all other girls who had ever worked for Grace Goldstein. She stated  
that she did not ever know Grace Goldstein personally nor could she recall  
the various prostitutes that worked for Grace. She recalled hearing the  
name of Greta but she was sure she had never seen Greta, nor did she know  
where she could be found at the present time. She stated the last time  
she heard of her she was living in the Tulsa Rooms in Texarkana, Texas.  
(Agents were later informed at the Tulsa Rooms that Greta was living in  
Memphis, Tennessee).

Madam Ritter stated that the girl by the name of Jackie, who is working for her at the present time, is in reality named Grace Walker, and that she lives at Stamps, Arkansas. She stated that she felt sure that this was not the same Jackie that worked for Grace Goldstein as this girl had only been in the "racket" about a year, and that she came to her place direct from Stamps.

Agents waited at Madam Ritter's house until Jackie arrived from Stamps, Arkansas. Jackie stated she had never been to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and had never worked for Grace Goldstein; that she did, however, know both Jean and June, as they were all from the same town; that the last time she heard from June Davis she was working at the Rodessa Bar, Rodessa, Louisiana; that the address of Maudie Clark, alias Jean Pritchard, could be obtained from her mother in Stamps, Arkansas, as her mother, Mrs. Walker, has recently received a letter from Maudie Clark. Jackie was unable to furnish any information about the other prostitutes who worked for Grace Goldstein.

#### AT STAMPS, ARKANSAS

On July 16, 1937, Agents Madala and Suttler proceeded to Stamps, Arkansas, to interview Mrs. Walker, Grace Walker, alias Jackie's, mother. Agent Madala talked to Mrs. Walker and without revealing his identity obtained the correct address and married name of Maudie Clark. Mrs. Walker informed that Maudie Clark was now a Mrs. Omar Brown and resided at number 302 Maple Street in Camden, Arkansas. Agents proceeded from Stamps to Camden, Arkansas.

#### AT CAMDEN, ARKANSAS

MRS. MAUDIE CLARK BROWN, formerly Maudie Clark, alias Jean Pritchard, who was employed in Grace Goldstein's house of prostitution as a prostitute during February and March, 1936, was located at #302 Maple Street, Camden, Arkansas, July 16, 1936. She was taken to the U. S. Post Office Building in Camden, Arkansas, and interviewed at length by Agents J. L. Madala and B. M. Suttler.

Maudie Clark Brown states that she first met Grace Goldstein through a friend of hers by the name of Pat Morris; that Pat Morris called Grace Goldstein long distance from Little Rock, Arkansas, on January 12, 1936, and made arrangements for the two of them to go to the Goldstein woman's house for the purpose of prostitution in Hot Springs, Arkansas. She states that it was at the house of Grace



Goldstein that she first came into contact with a man by the name of Bell (Clayton Hall) and that the second time she saw Clayton Hall he was at the Hatterie Hotel with Alvin Karpis. In a signed statement Maudie states that she saw Alvin Karpis at various times at the Hatterie Hotel, and that within a month after she arrived at the Hatterie Hotel she and most of the other girls there at that time knew who Karpis was from his photograph appearing in a Red Book magazine. The statement is as follows:

I, Maudia Clark Brown, make the following voluntary statement to John L. Madala and Bernard M. Suttler whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

The first time I met Grace Goldstein was on January 13th, 1936. This was in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The way it came about was a friend of mine by the name of Pat Morris who knew Grace; Pat and I were in Little Rock, Arkansas on January 12, 1936; Pat called Grace from Little Rock and told her that we were coming over there the next day, Grace met us at the Bus Station the next morning in her car, she took us to the Hatterie Hotel where we took a room and stayed.

The first time I saw Mr. Bell was about ten days or two weeks after I got to Grace's House, Hatterie Hotel. It might have been not more than five days or a week after my birth day. My birthday was on January 14th, this would have made it about the 19th day of January that I met Mr. Bell. This was at dinner at Grace Goldstein's house that I first met Mr. Bell. The next time I saw Mr. Bell was about three or four nights later when he came up to the Hatterie Hotel. That same night Alvin Karpis came up to the hotel, I was not ever introduced to him, I just knew him as Eddie. Later that night I filled a date with Mr. Bell at the Majestic Hotel. We walked up to the Majestic Hotel and sat around and drank. I spent the night with him, we had breakfast together the next morning, he gave me twenty dollars for filling the date with him. We left the Majestic Hotel after breakfast, went down to the Hatterie Hotel and borrowed Grace Goldstein's car to take a ride in. We brought the car back to the hotel then Mr. Bell disappeared for a few days. The next time I saw him was when he and Karpis came back to the Hatterie Hotel in a new Maroon Buick. Mr. Bell told me that the car belonged to "Eddie", I know now that "Eddie" is Alvin Karpis. I did not know it then. Karpis did not want me to go with Mr. Bell for some reason or other but Mr.

Bell would call me anyway and I would go out and meet him and go to ride with him in Karpis' car. I was living at the Hatterie Hotel at the time Karpis bought this Maroon colored Buick.

I recall that one time Karpis came up to see Grace and Grace was not there so Karpis talked to me for a long time. He told me that I was too young and too good looking to be in this racket and that he would give me enough money to get out, go back to my family or get an education. I did not take him up as I was satisfied then. I feel now that he did this just to keep Mr. Bell from going with me, he wanted me to get away from Grace's place.

I do not recall seeing Karpis and Bell together but one time and that was at the Hatterie Hotel the night that I had a date with Bell and went to the Majestic Hotel. I recall another time Mr. Bell called me from the Barber Shop or a nearby phone and told me to start walking down the Street and he would come by and pick me up. He picked me up in the Maroon colored Buick a little later on and we went to ride. Another time Bell came by the Hatterie Hotel and told me that he would be at the Mountain View Tourist Court. On several occasions I went out to the Mountain View Tourist to see Bell or else I would go to ride with him when I could slip out without any body knowing it.

After Karpis bought this Maroon colored Buick I saw him around the Hatterie very little, sometimes he would come up there once a week, sometimes he would not come up there for more than a week.

I recall that one time me, Opal, Greta, Betty and Pat were in Dr. Coffey's office looking at a magazine. Greta and Pat saw a picture of Karpis in this book. They did not say anything about it to me until we got back to the Hotel then Pat told me to go get a Red Book magazine and she would show me who this fellow Eddie was. I went and got the book and then Pat showed me a picture of Alvin Karpis and I saw that it was the same man that I knew as Eddie.

This was about a month after I had come to live with Grace at the Hatterie Hotel that I saw this picture of Karpis, all of the girls probably knew that Eddie was Karpis but I will not say for sure about this. I know that Greta, Connie, Grace, Pat and I knew it but Pat did not want me to tell anyone as it might get beack to Grace that we knew who he was.

I recall the first time that I saw either Connie or Hunter. They came in together one night. Grace was not in at the time they came

in. They waited for Grace to come in. When Grace came in she was sick and went right to bed. Alvin Karpis came up about an hour later. I knew Hunter as Harold. Thereafter Connie did not live at the hotel for about three days, I thought they were married, she and Harold, they told me they were. I have identified the photograph of Fred Hunter as the man I knew as Harold. I understood when Connie came back to the Hotel to live I figured that Connie and Harold had quit as she started back hustling at the hotel. I recall that this same night I left for Texarkana to manage a house there for Fannie Ritter after she told me over the phone that she wanted me to come down there as Pat was sick and she was afraid to leave the house in charge of one of the other girls. I stayed down in Texarkana for a week and then returned to the Hatterie Hotel.

When I returned from Texarkana Eva Ownes came back with me, Mary had wired us some money to Stamps, Arkansas for us to come to Hot Springs on. Eva got homesick after about ten days or two weeks so she returned to Texarkana. We must have gotten back to the Hatterie Hotel about March 17th. Eva left for Texarkana several days before I did.

When I came back to the Hatterie Hotel Connie and Grace were living at the hotel. Connie was hustling at the time. Connie told me after I got back that she had been to the Doctor and that he told her that she had gonorrhea. I recall one night that we sat up all night and early the next morning Connie asked me to take a hike over the mountain with her. We were gone about an hour. When we got back to the Hotel we found that Connie's Mother had been trying to call her long distance collect. Connie did not have any money so I loande her the money to accept this call from her Mother. After she talked to her Mother she seemed to be worried. She did not tell me what it was all about but she talked to Mary then she went out and came back with Grace. Late that afternoon she and Grace left the Hotel again. I did not see them leave but I knew they were gone. I did not see Connie any more after this. The next time I saw Grace as well as I can recall it seems to me that it was on Saturday morning, March 23. That same night I talked to Pat Morris in Texarkana and the following morning I left for Texarkana. I must have left Hot Springs, Arkansas about eight o'clock on Sunday morning and just as I left Hot Springs on the Highway for Texarkana I saw Grace driving in toward Hot Springs. I recognized her just as we passed, I think she was alone. The last time I saw the dog as I recall it was the day when Connie got the call from her Mother \_ Connie was playing with the dog around the steps.

One time I recall the law tried all day to get hold of Grace. I think this was about ten days or two weeks before I left there. Another time shortly after I came to live with Grace the police called there and arrested a boy friend of mine by the name of Marion Migrothy for drunkenness.

I have read the above statement consisting of six pages and it is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNED Maudie Clark Brown  
Maudie Clark Brown

WITNESSES Bernard M. Suttler

John L. Madala

Special Agents  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice.

Maudie Clark Brown further states that she started the practice of prostitution at the age of 14 in a town called Smackover, Arkansas; that she was working there as a waitress selling beer in a place; that she was working with another girl who was much older than she was, and that a man came through there from Port Arthur, Texas; that this man was known as "Frenchy"; that he talked the other girl into going to Port Arthur with him in his car; that after the other girl went to Port Arthur she sent for her to come down there; that she immediately went to Port Arthur and after she arrived there she did not have any money so she started the practice of prostitution. She states that the police finally made her leave Port Arthur and return to her home in Stamps, Arkansas. She states that she did not stay in Stamps, Arkansas, but a very short time when she went to Texarkana, Arkansas. She states she was only 14 years old at this time; that when she got to Texarkana she started "hustling" and stayed at a woman's house by the name of Jessie, who conducted a house of prostitution at 807 Fourth Street, Texarkana, Texas. She states that she practiced prostitution here until she was 17 years old, when she and Pat Morris, another prostitute, went to Little Rock, Arkansas. It was at this time that she and Pat Morris called Grace Goldstein in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and made arrangements to stay at Goldstein's house of prostitution. Maudie states that it was only one day after she arrived at Grace Goldstein's house of prostitution that she turned her 18th birthday, January 14, 1936, and that this is the reason she remembers the exact date that she started hustling

at Goldstein's house.

Maudie Clark Brown was questioned thoroughly about the activities of Chief of Detectives Herbert ~~Akers~~ <sup>Ark</sup> of the Hot Springs Police Department and former Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin during the time she was living at Grace Goldstein's Hatterie Hotel. She denied emphatically on several occasions that she had ever seen either of these men at Grace Goldstein's house as far as she knew. She stated that she did not know Herbert "Dutch" Akers either by reputation or name, nor could she recall the name of former Chief of Police Joe Wakelin.

Maudie further stated that she recalled only two instances when the "law" of Hot Springs, Arkansas, came to Grace Goldstein's Hatterie Hotel; one instance was when a young lawyer of Hot Springs, Arkansas, was at the Hatterie Hotel drunk and knocking out lights, and the other time when a friend of hers by the name of Marion Migrothy got drunk and they had to call the police.

It should be noted here that from Maudie Clark Brown's attitude toward the interviewing Agents, it could be readily determined that she much prefers the company of gangsters, hoodlums and prostitutes than she does law abiding citizens. In this connection she stated that as far as she personally was concerned gangsters were all right; that they were big hearted and would do anything in the world for you; that Karpis had offered her plenty of money to get along on if she would quit the "racket", but that she preferred not to quit. She also stated that Grace Goldstein was the "sweetest woman in the world". She indicated that she was very partial to the underworld type. It was extremely difficult to get any admissions out of her at all relative to Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter or Grace Goldstein.

Maudie Clark Brown stated that she had been married to Omar D. Brown for about six months; that he was only 22 years of age, and that he was a combination junk dealer and oil well worker. Maudie's husband came by the Post Office to see Maudie while Agents were interviewing her and he used his influence with her to get her to tell the truth. Up until this time she had consistently lied to Agents about her knowledge of what went on at the Hatterie Hotel during her stay there. After her husband talked to her she began a little at a time to tell the truth about her knowledge of Karpis, Hunter, Connie and Grace.

Omar D. Brown was present at the time Agents obtained the signed statement from his wife and he verified things that she stated as being the same as things she had told him about her activities at Grace Goldstein's house at the time she lived there. Her husband stated that he knew all about her before he married her but he did not know about the Karpis angle until after he married her. Omar Brown stated that any time in the future that the Bureau desired to get in touch with him, they could get his address from his employer, C. Solomon, Manager, St. Louis Hide and Fur Company, Camden, Arkansas.

As to her relatives, Maudie Clark Brown stated that her father's name is Artie W. Clark and that he lives at Stamps, Arkansas; that she has a sister by the name of Mrs. Connell Owens at Stamps, Arkansas; that she has another sister by the name of Joe Mae McBeth at Plain Dealer, Louisiana.

Maudie further stated that it would not be worth while for Agents to interview her friend Eva Owens, alias June Davis, as she did not ever come in contact with Karpis and Hunter and only stayed at the Hatterie Hotel for about ten days or two weeks in March, 1936, then got homesick and returned to Texarkana, Texas. She stated that the last time she heard of June Davis she was working at the Rodessa Bar, Rodessa, Louisiana. This was the same information that Agents had previously gotten about June Davis from Madam Ritter in Texarkana. It was also determined that Madam Ritter had called June Davis at number 80, which is the phone number of the Rodessa Bar in Rodessa, and had talked to her, and that at that time she was employed at the Rodessa Bar.

Maudie further states that she does not know where Pat Morris is "exactly" at the present time but that she is living with a gambler and running a night club somewhere below Shreveport, Louisiana, and she thinks that the name of the town is Colfax, Louisiana. There is a town in lower Louisiana by this name.

#### AT KILGORE, TEXAS

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents John L. Madala and B. M. Suttler at Kilgore, Texas, on July 15, 1937:

It will be recalled that Mrs. "Red" Powers informed that Mrs. Ernest Dickey, who formerly lived in the vicinity of the Woodcock residence around the time that Alvin Karpis resided there, told her on

one occasion that she frequently saw "the law" visit the Woodcock home and apparently visit with Karpis and Fred Hunter; that she also heard Karpis and others engage in target practice on many occasions while they were residing there. It has also been reported that Mrs. Dickey's son frequently delivered messages from Roger's Landing to the Woodcock home for Grace Goldstein around this time.

Agents interviewed Ernest B. Dickey, Jr. at the home of his parents in Kilgore, Texas, on July 15, 1937. He advised that his father is presently employed as Head Engineer and Gauger for the Shell Pipe Line Company at Kilgore; that he has held this position for the past eight years. He further stated that his mother moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas, sometime during the latter part of February, 1936, and lived in the vicinity of the Woodcock home until October of 1936; that while his mother was in Hot Springs, he and his father visited her every two weeks on which occasions they would only stay over the week-end. The Dickey boy denied that he ever saw the people who were allegedly living in the Woodcock home during the period in question and also denied that he ever saw an automobile or automobiles drive to or away from this place; that he never delivered any messages to Grace Goldstein or to any other person who might have been living at the Woodcock home; that he very seldom hung around Rogers Brothers Landing, and that he never delivered any messages from there. Young Dickey further advised that on one or two occasions, as he passed the Woodcock home on the highway, he observed a large black dog at the entrance of the driveway, which leads to the place, and that for this reason he always was afraid to go near there; that he frequently went horseback riding with J. V. Ross, Bill Wilson and Cecil Lecroy, and that at no time while on these rides did they wander up to the Woodcock home. He stated that Bill Wilson is the son of Clarence Wilson, who owns and operates the Potash Sulphur Springs outside of Hot Springs, and that the Ross boy lives around Bud Lowe's place in that neighborhood.

Continuing, young Dickey stated that he does not know any of the Hot Springs Police Officers by sight and, therefore, would not know whether any of them visited the Woodcock home while Karpis, et. al., were living there; that he also never saw any police cars drive up the road to the place; that he never heard anybody target practicing, nor does he know whether this was done during the period in question.

It has heretofore been stated that a bird dog was frequently seen in the vicinity of the Woodcock home while Karpis was living there, and when questioned as to this Dickey informed Agents that Clarence Wilson owns three bird dogs, and that in all probability it was one of



his dogs that was seen.

It might be stated that the Dickey boy is 15 years of age and attends high school in Kilgore, Texas. He was frank in his answers and appeared to be telling the truth.

Agents thereafter interviewed Mrs. Ernest B. Dickey, Sr. She advised that she moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas, from Kilgore, Texas, during the last part of February, 1936, and that she lived in the vicinity of the Woodcock home until the latter part of October, 1936; that she did not know that Karpis and his friends lived in her neighborhood until after the raid by the Government on March 30, 1936; that up until that time she was of the impression that the Woodcocks were living in their home and that no one ever indicated to her otherwise. She advised that she never saw anybody go to or from the place while Karpis was supposed to be living there, and also that she never saw any of the cars that they might have been driving; that she did see on one or two occasions a large black dog around the house which frightened her, and for this reason she never went near there. She advised that the view from her home to the Woodcock residence was obstructed by thick trees and, therefore, never saw what went on at the latter place.

Continuing Mrs. Dickey advised that she does not know any of the Hot Springs Police Officers and also does not know whether any of them ever visited the Woodcock home during the time Karpis, et. al. were residing there; that she never saw any police cars or other cars drive to or from there. She emphatically denied that she ever told anyone that she saw police visit the Woodcock home while Karpis was supposed to be living there, and also denied that she possessed any information in this regard; that whoever informed the Bureau of this was lying without a doubt.

Mrs. Dickey further stated that she frequently visited with Grandma Rogers, who is the mother of the Rogers Brothers who operate Rogers Landing on Lake Catherine, and that old lady Rogers told her on one occasion that Karpis used to visit her sons' place on the lake; that Mrs. Rogers lived across the road from her and probably is still there.

She further stated that she never heard anybody do any shooting in the vicinity of the Woodcock home while Karpis was supposed to be living there, nor did she know of any party which might have taken place there during that time; that she lived alone in Hot Springs and very seldom went out; that her son and husband visited her almost every



two weeks while she was in Hot Springs, and she is positive that her son never delivered any messages to the people at the Woodcock home; that if he had he certainly would have told her about it subsequent to the raid on March 30, 1936.

AT CAMDEN, ARKANSAS

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents John L. Madala and B. M. Suttler at Camden, Arkansas, on July 16, 1937:

It will be recalled that information was received that Floyd Bird, a mechanic, formerly employed by Charles Reese at the Market Street Garage and 505 Filling Station, drove the prostitute named Ruth from Grace Goldstein's house on the day that Sheriff Anderson raided 1338 S. Central Avenue. It was learned that he presently resides at 314 N. Adams Street, Camden, Arkansas.

Agents located Floyd Bird at his home, 314 N. Adams Street, where he was interviewed. He advised that he knew that Grace Goldstein was operating a house of prostitution at 1338 Central Avenue during the early part of 1935, but denied that he ever frequented the same. He stated that he was acquainted with Connie Morris and Grace Goldstein from seeing them at the 505 Filling Station, where Grace occasionally had her green Chevrolet Coupe serviced; that he also knew the prostitute named Greta who worked for Grace. He denied that he ever kept company with any of Grace's girls, and also denied knowing the prostitute named Ruth. He likewise denied that he drove anyone away from 1338 S. Central Avenue the morning after it was raided by Sheriff Anderson, which raid he distinctly recalls.

Continuing Mr. Bird advised that he left Reese's employ in Hot Springs upon the advice of the Sheriff at Camden, who told him that he would eventually become involved in trouble if he continued to go along with the bunch at Hot Springs. When Agents asked him what he meant by this statement, Bird advised that the Reese brothers were the "crookedest" pair in Hot Springs; that they formerly operated the Central Garage and that both were especially close to "Dutch" Akers and Joe Wakelin; that they handled most of the tow work for the City of Hot Springs, and that on many occasions when comparatively new stolen automobiles would be recovered by either Akers or Wakelin, they would be brought to the Central Garage, remain there for several days and then mysteriously disappear. Although Bird would not definitely say so, he indicated that Akers or Wakelin would sell these stolen cars.

As a point of interest, Mr. Bird advised that approximately an hour or two after Frank Nash was arrested in Hot Springs, "Dutch" Akers brought Nash's Plymouth Coupe to the Central Garage and let it remain in storage there for many weeks. Bird did not know what ultimately became of the car, but indicated that Akers got rid of it in some way; that he probably sold it for his own gain.

Mr. Bird advised that he knows all of the local police officers and can truthfully say that he never saw any one of them ever visit the address, 1338 S. Central Avenue, while Grace Goldstein lived there. He advised that he never expects to return to Hot Springs, is thoroughly fed up with the Administration there and would gladly cooperate with the Bureau in this investigation if he could be of any assistance.

During previous interviews had with JOHN STOVER, aviator, Hot Springs, Arkansas, by Bureau Agents, Stover has consistently withheld the information that Grace Goldstein took a plane trip from Hot Springs, Arkansas, to Canton, Ohio, and returned from Canton to Hot Springs with Alvin Karpis. John Stover was again interviewed on July 12, 1937, by Special Agents J. L. Madala and B. M. Suttler at the temporary office, 322 Thompson Building.

Stover admitted in a signed statement that he flew Grace Goldstein to Canton, Ohio; that they stayed at Canton that night, January 20, 1936; that Karpis contacted him at the airport upon arrival and made arrangements to fly back with him the following morning; that Karpis and Goldstein met him the next morning and flew back to Hot Springs, Arkansas, on the day of January 21, 1936. His signed statement is as follows:

Hot Springs, Arkansas  
July 11, 1937.

I, John Stover, do hereby make the following signed statement to John L. Madala and B. M. Suttler, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. No threats or promises have been made to me.

I was born at England, Arkansas, on July 31, 1902. I learned to fly at Stuttgart, Arkansas shortly after the World War, and in 1931 I obtained a transport license. I am married and have one child who is eleven years of age. I came to Hot Springs, Arkansas in April, 1931 and have been living here ever since. I also have been manager of the local airport since that time.

I have been shown a photograph of Fred Hunter, and positively identify it as a man I have transported in my plane. I have been shown a photograph of Alvin Karpis, and identify the same as a man I have flown to Youngstown, Ohio and return in January of 1936, the details of which flight I will describe in more detail hereinafter.

I have been shown a photograph of Grace Goldstein, and I can identify her as a girl whom I know as Grace. I can't identify a photograph of Connie Morris alias Ruth Hamm.

The first time I met Fred Hunter was on June 28, 1935. I recall that on this occasion he came to the airport in a taxi-cab and I flew him to Tulsa, Oklahoma. He had called me by telephone the previous night and inquired about the cost of the trip and as to how long it would take me to fly there. My terms apparently were satisfactory to him, as he said he wanted to make a round trip; that he would probably be in Tulsa about an hour and a half.

Fred Hunter and I arrived in Tulsa, Oklahoma around noon of June 28, 1935. No one met him at the airport, and I recall that one of the employees at the hangar called a cab for him. Hunter returned to the airport approximately an hour and a half later. He was by himself and I don't know who brought him to the airport. When we arrived in Hot Springs, Arkansas, he went back to town, and I don't recall whether some one came out there to get him, or whether he took a cab back.

The next time I saw Fred Hunter was on November 10, 1935, when he landed at the airport in a Stinson Plane #NC 12180. There were two other passengers and a pilot with him. On this occasion Hunter asked me if there had been some people at the airport to meet him. I told him that I didn't know, as I had just gotten in from town. I referred him to one of the other boys who at that time were working for me. Their names are Luther Nall and Fred Pegle. Luther Nall is now employed with the C. W. Blackwell Flying Service at Palestine, Texas. I believe that Luther Nall told Hunter that two women had been at the airport the day previous (November 9, 1935) waiting for some one to come in. I don't believe anyone was at the airport on the particular morning that Hunter and his friends arrived.

After Fred Hunter talked with Luther Nall, he came to me and asked that I call a cab. I told him that I had my car at the airport, and that I would drive him into town, if that was agreeable with him. He said that it would be all right.

Shortly thereafter a second man emerged from the plane and got into my car. I recall that Hunter and his friend carried some baggage. On the way into town, Fred Hunter sat on the front seat beside me, and his friend sat in the back. During this trip into town, Hunter said that they had a hard time getting to Hot Springs, and that it took them two days to come down from Ohio. The other fellow did not utter one word on this trip.

When we arrived in town, I let them off at the Como Hotel. Hunter previously told me that he wanted to get off there. Hunter gave me a \$1.00 for taking them into town. I did not see where they went after I let them off. I drove back to the airport by myself. I am unable to identify the man who rode into town with Fred Hunter on this occasion.

Approximately a week afterward, or possibly ten days later, Fred Hunter called me by telephone at the airport and inquired about the rate to San Antonio, Texas. I quoted him the fare, and I recall that he asked, or it might have been that I told him, that two persons could travel for the same fare. He said that he would be ready to leave at 9:00 A.M. the following morning.

The next morning Fred Hunter and a young looking girl came to the airport. They had some baggage with them, and I do not know who drove them out there. We left Hot Springs around 9:00 A.M. and flew to San Antonio, Texas in about five hours. I landed at the Army Auxiliary Field. I recall that Hunter and his girl drove into town in a taxi-cab which either was called or was stationed there. This was the last time I ever saw Fred Hunter or the girl who was with him on this occasion.

On January 13, 1936 either a man or woman called me at the airport and inquired about the cost of a round trip to Youngstown, Ohio. I recall that I told the party that it would be around \$200.00. This party then asked how long it would take me to fly to Youngstown, and I told him I could make it in a day if we left very early. He said he would be ready to leave early the next morning.

I recall that the man whom I have identified as Alvin Karpis was at the airport the next morning before I got out of bed. I do not know who brought him to the airport, but know that he was by himself when I saw him that morning. We left Hot Springs, Arkansas around 7:00 A.M. and arrived in Youngstown, Ohio shortly after dark that same day. I had a

forced landing somewhere in Kentucky, and I recall that I asked Karpis whether I had scared him by making this forced landing. I recall that he said that it didn't, as he had experienced three or four of them before. It seems to me that he said while he was on his way to Arkansas some time previously.

When we arrived in Youngstown, Ohio, the airport manager had some one drive Karpis and my wife and me into town. I forgot to mention above, that my wife accompanied me on this trip to Ohio. When we got into town, the cab driver let my wife and I off at the Todd House. I recall that Karpis said he had other business to attend, or that he had to see some one on business, and that he would get in touch with me at the hotel later to let me know when he would be ready to return to Hot Springs. He indicated to me that he wanted to layover all day of January 15, 1936.

My wife and I registered at the Todd House in Youngstown as Mr. and Mrs. John Stover. On the next day I went to the airport and worked on my plane, and on the following day I recall that I again went to the airport and merely sat around and talked with the employees there. That night, which would be January 17, 1936, I received a call from a man who said his name was Hall. I'm not positive of this name. I recall that he called me from the lobby, and I went down to talk with him. He told me that the gentleman that I brought up from Hot Springs wasn't going back the next morning, and that he would go back in his stead. That was agreeable with me, and we thereupon arranged to leave Youngstown at 7:00 A.M. the next morning. I do not know whether Hall stayed at the Todd House overnight on this occasion, nor do I know how Hall got to the airport the following morning.

My wife and I and Hall left Youngstown, Ohio at about 7:00 A.M. on January 17, 1936, and arrived in Hot Springs the following day at around 11:00 or 12:00 A.M. I recall that either my wife or I drove Hall to the Majestic Hotel. This trip was paid by Alvin Karpis either before we left Hot Springs or after our arrival at Youngstown, Ohio. I recall that he paid \$200.00 for this trip, and that Hall paid me \$20.00 for the day layover at Youngstown, Ohio which was on January 16, 1936.

I recall that on the night of January 19, 1936, I received a telephone call from Hall at the airport. He asked me if I could go to Youngstown, Ohio the next day and pick up the man I had flown there a few days previous. I told him that I could, and that I would leave early the next morning. On the following morning, January 20, 1936, Hall telephoned me again and asked if it would be all right if a lady friend of his went along on the trip to Youngstown. I told him that it would be all right,

and I then decided to take my wife along on this trip. After I told Hall that it would be O.K. for this woman to go along, he then said that I should pick up the man in question at Canton, Ohio instead of Youngstown, Ohio.

Shortly after the above telephone call, Hall drove the girl I have identified as Grace Goldstein to the airport. I recall that they were in a late model Buick Coupe, green in color. I swear that this is the first time I ever saw Grace Goldstein, and I desire to state that when she arrived at the airport on this occasion she endeavored to make me remember her, she stating that she used to come to my airport in 1932 with "Red" and his wife. "Red" was employed at the Como Garage in 1932, and she mentioned this fact to me at this time. After the above statement, I let on to Grace that I remembered her. I also recall that she told me that she used to be a Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ at the time I was supposed to have first met her. I can't remember now the name mentioned by her.

Grace Goldstein, my wife and I left Hot Springs, Arkansas around 7:00 A.M. on January 20, 1936, and arrived at Canton, Ohio shortly before dark of the same day. I recall that when we arrived at the airport, there were four or five automobiles parked near the office building. Grace went to one of these cars which appeared to be a fairly expensive looking coupe automobile, and which might have been a Cadillac, LaSalle or Packard. I now believe that it might have been a convertible coupe. It seems to me that a man and woman were in the car when Grace walked to it. I caught a glimpse of this man who was sitting in driver's seat, and I am positive that he was not the same man I have identified as Alvin Karpis. It appeared that Grace Goldstein knew these people, as she went direct to their automobile when she got out of the plane.

As I was putting my plane in the hangar, the man I have identified as Alvin Karpis and whom I recognized as being the same man I flew to Youngstown, Ohio on January 14, 1936, came to me and told me that he would be ready to fly back to Hot Springs, Arkansas the following day. I recall that he also asked me about the weather conditions, and we arranged to leave for Hot Springs the next morning at around 6:00 A.M. The manager of the airport drove my wife and me to one of the hotels in town.

The next morning my wife and I took a cab to the airport and arrived there sometime before daylight. No one was at the airport as yet, and I recall that we went to a restaurant around the corner and had some coffee. Shortly afterwards the manager of the airport told me that my passengers had been to the airport, but returned to town to get something



to eat and would be back in a few minutes. While I was warming up my motor in the old hangar, Karpis and Grace Goldstein came to the plane, he carrying a small bag. I do not know how they arrived at the airport.

The four of us, meaning Alvin Karpis, Grace Goldstein, my wife and I, left Canton, Ohio at about 7:00 A.M. and had a forced landing near Benton, Ark. around 6:30 or 7:00 P.M. Thereafter some man drove us to Hot Springs, Arkansas in his car, arriving there around 11:00 P.M. on January 21, 1936. I recall that Alvin Karpis paid me \$200.00 for this trip. This man from Benton, Arkansas drove us to the airport, and I then drove Alvin Karpis and Grace Goldstein into town. I recall that I let Grace off at the Hatterie Hotel, and Alvin Karpis off at the Majestic Hotel. I remember seeing Karpis talk with the colored porter at the hotel just as I was driving away from there. This was the last time that I saw Alvin Karpis.

On or about March 17, 1936, two men who identified themselves at Post Office Inspectors came to the airport and advised that they were checking on a Stinson plane that was supposed to have landed in Hot Springs the previous November. I told them that I recalled of such a plane landing at the airport around the first of November. They showed me numerous photographs, and I identified the one of Fred Hunter. I recall that the inspectors then told me that Alvin Karpis was the man whom I drove to town with Fred Hunter on the occasion in question. I asked to be shown a photograph of Karpis, and I recall that they told me that they didn't have one of him; also that they weren't looking for him, but that the Department of Justice was; that he was supposed to be Public Enemy No. 1.

A few days later an agent from the Department of Justice talked with me regarding the same as what the Post Office Inspectors talked to me about. I recall that this agent showed me a picture of Alvin Karpis which I couldn't identify at the time. I wish to state that at that time I did not associate the man I flew to Youngstown, Ohio on January 14, 1936 with Fred Hunter, or with the man I drove from the airport to the Como Hotel on November 10, 1935, as stated in the first part of this statement.

A few days after the Department of Justice agent talked with me, which I was told was on March 22, 1936, my wife met Grace Goldstein in the Sears Roebuck store in Hot Springs, Arkansas. She asked my wife not to tell anybody about the trip she made to Canton, Ohio in January,

1936. My wife told her to see me about it. Either that same night or the following night, I recall that Grace Goldstein came to my house at the airport in her Buick Coupe. She was alone, and I recall that my brother-in-law, "Skeet" Posey, and his wife were at the house playing "Rook" with my wife and me. I talked with her for a few minutes on this visit, and she said that she didn't want me to mention to anybody about the trip she made to Ohio; that she wouldn't have gone hadn't this friend of hers insisted that she make the trip. She also stated at this time that she was running a rooming house in Hot Springs, and couldn't afford to become involved in this matter; that there was some mix-up over this trip, and she didn't want it to become known. I told her that I wouldn't say anything about it, and with that she left my house. I did not tell her that some government men had talked to me prior to her visit there, nor did she ask me if anybody had talked with me about her or about Karpis. I am positive that she did not mention Karpis' name to me.

A few days after this visit by Grace Goldstein a couple more government men came to the airport and talked with me about Hunter and Karpis, and all about the various trips I made out-of-town. I recall that they questioned me about the trip I made to Youngstown, Ohio on January 14, 1936, and further recall that I partially identified the photograph of Karpis that was shown to me as the man I flew in my plane on this trip. I did not tell these men of Grace Goldstein's visit to my house, nor did I mention this to the two agents who questioned me in Little Rock, Arkansas shortly after the raid on March 30, 1936.

To the best of my recollection Grace Goldstein came to my house sometime between Agent Damron's interview with me on March 22, 1936 and the interview with me by the two government men, who probably were Post Office Inspectors, which took place shortly before the raid on March 30, 1936.

I have read the foregoing statement which consists of five typewritten pages, and I swear that the same is true to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

(Signed) John Stover

Witnesses:

John L. Madala

B. M. Suttler

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Little Rock, Arkansas.



Stover was closely questioned as to why he has consistently refused to inform Agents of this Bureau about flying Grace Goldstein to Canton, Ohio. Stover stated that the reason he did not was because Grace Goldstein called on him sometime in March, 1936, after Post Office Inspectors had talked with him about Karpis and Hunter, and asked him not to ever tell anyone about her taking that trip to Canton; that she was afraid she might become involved and if she did it would hurt her business; that she had a rooming house in town and she did not want to get into anything that might hurt her business; that she did not realize when she made the trip that any such thing would happen; that she now realized that she had been mixed up with gangsters much to her surprise; that the only reason she took the trip was at the insistence of a friend of hers in Hot Springs (Clayton Hall); that the trip was purely a pleasure trip as far as she was concerned. Goldstein further informed Stover, according to Stover, that the Post Office Inspectors had been to her house hounding her and that she was afraid of the consequences if it became known she made this trip to Ohio. Stover further stated that he recalls the night that Grace Goldstein came to his house very well, inasmuch as his wife's sister and her husband were at his house playing "rook" when Grace called. Grace asked him to come out on the porch and there she related the above set out information. Stover also stated that either that same day or the next day Grace Goldstein met his wife downtown in the Sears-Roebuck Department Store and told her the same thing she told Stover, and his wife told Grace to tell Stover, not her. Stover informed that Mrs. Stover told him about this but he could not recall whether this was before Grace called on him personally or after her visit to his house.

Agents continually asked Stover why he chose to cover up Grace Goldstein's trip to Ohio even after he realized that it was Alvin Karpis she had flown back with and that he was so badly wanted at that time. Stover informed that he believed Grace Goldstein's story about running a rooming house and that he thought she was a "very nice lady", and after he had lied about it once to Agents he was afraid later to tell the truth, as he was afraid of the consequences at the hands of the Bureau. Stover stuck to this statement throughout the interview that he was afraid to tell the truth after he had lied. Agents questioned him time after time as to whether or not he had been warned against telling the truth by any Hot Springs official, by Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter, Grace Goldstein or anyone else. Stover denied that he had ever discussed this case with any Hot Springs Police Officer, including Herbert "Dutch" Akers, Chief of Detectives, and Joseph Wakelin, former Police Chief. Stover denied ever having sought the advice of anyone as to whether or not he should tell the truth about the whole affair. He stated that this was his own personal

decision and that the only reason he did it was to protect Grace Goldstein after he had promised her he would, thinking that she was a "nice lady".

Stover was very uncertain as to the dates of any of his trips. He stated his log books were not always accurate as he sometime waited several months before making entries in them and then these entries were made from pocket memorandums. He recalled that on the night he brought Clayton Hall from Youngstown, Ohio, to Hot Springs, Arkansas, he made a forced landing in Paducah, Kentucky, and due to the weather was forced to stay overnight there; that after he, his wife and Hall had checked into the hotel, Hall brought a small portable radio to their room and they all listened to a heavyweight fight; that he is positive that one of the heavyweight contenders was the negro, Joe Louis; that Agents can check this and ascertain the exact date of this trip. Stover thinks that this date was January 17 or 18, 1936.

Stover mentioned the fact that he was never in San Antonio, Texas, but twice in his life, the first time was when he flew Fred Hunter there and the second time was on March 17, 1936, when he flew a Dr. Wright and Marshall Purvis, Attorney, both of Hot Springs, Arkansas. This is worthy of mention inasmuch as it was Marshall Purvis who first informed Special Agent Damron that Alvin Karpis was living in and around Hot Springs, Arkansas. Stover was asked whether or not he discussed with Purvis on this trip the visit he had received from the Post Office Inspectors. Stover was very uncertain about this, but finally stated that the more he thought about it the more convinced he was that he had discussed the case with Purvis on this trip. Marshall Purvis is not available for interview at this time as he is on a vacation in New York; he will be contacted and interviewed upon his return to Hot Springs, Arkansas. Doctor Wright will be interviewed at a later date.

"Skeet" Posey, brother-in-law by marriage to John Stover, will be interviewed at a later date, as he was present at the home of John Stover on the night of the supposed trip there by Grace Goldstein. He is at present employed at Wheatley Garage.

Stover further stated that a pilot by the name of James Tankersly, who is at present employed at the Little Rock Municipal Airport, related to one Joe Young that he, Tankersly, had flown a suspicious person to Corpus Christi, Texas, sometime in March, 1936. Stover states that he connected this incident up with either Karpis or Hunter, as it happened at about the same time he was hauling these gangsters around. Stover stated that Joe Young informed him of this incident and

that the last he heard of Young was that he was employed by Bradford Airlines in St. Louis, Missouri. Joe Young was former Field Manager for the Little Rock Airport.

Agents exhibited to Stover a photograph of Joe Rich in an effort to have him identify same as the man who drove Karpis away from the airport at Canton, Ohio, on January 20, 1936. Stover could not make positive identification but stated that the man he saw behind the wheel had a full face similar to the face of Joe Rich, and that he would judge this man to be about five feet, six inches tall and weighs 170 pounds. It might be stated that it is known that Joe Rich owns a convertible LaSalle Coupe similar to the one described by John Stover in his signed statement. It is also known that Joe Rich was a contact for Karpis at Canton, Ohio; this information previously has been furnished to the Bureau by Clayton Hall. Information has been received that Joe Rich assisted Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter and Harry Campbell in the Warren Ohio mail truck robbery on April 25, 1935. It is also known that Edna Haney is the paramour of Joe Rich and it is probable that she was at the airport with Rich at the time they drove Karpis and Grace Goldstein into town from the airport on January 20, 1936. Edna Haney operates a house of prostitution at Canton, Ohio.

The following investigation was made by Special Agents Sullivan and Snow at Little Rock, Arkansas, on July 15, 1937.

Superintendent Gray Albright, in charge of the Arkansas State Police with headquarters located in the old State Penitentiary Building, was interviewed relative to any information he might have concerning reports that Karpis was in Hot Springs prior to the time when Bureau Agents raided the Woodcock home there. Superintendent Albright stated that he did not receive any direct information to the effect that Karpis was in Hot Springs, Arkansas, during 1935 and part of 1936, but that he recalls that one of his officers who was stationed at that city, Sergeant Edward Clark, had received some reports to that effect while he was there, and that Sergeant Clark had attempted to locate more definite information concerning Karpis, but that he had never been able to actually locate the whereabouts of Karpis at Hot Springs. It was Superintendent Albright's recollection that a man named Tillery, who was employed as a horse trainer for the Blackwell Stables during the racing meet held at Hot Springs, Arkansas, during the year 1936 (February - March) had acted as Sergeant Clark's informant in that connection. Superintendent Albright

advised that Clark would presently be located through the Chief of Police, North Little Rock, Arkansas, Police Department, where he is stationed. Contact was had telephonically with Sergeant Clark and an interview arranged.

Upon being interviewed by the above named Agents at the North Little Rock Police Department, Sergeant Edward Clark stated that for a period of several years he was assigned to duty in and out of Hot Springs, Arkansas, with the Arkansas State Rangers, as his organization was then known, and that he had developed a number of informants in that city; that during the time he was stationed at Hot Springs he was well acquainted with Chief of Detectives Herbert (Dutch) Akers, and considered Akers as much of a "crook" as any criminal; that he had practically the same opinion of former Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin of the Hot Springs Police Department, although he considered Akers to be the "smarter" of the two; that either of these men would do anything for money, including taking money from wanted criminals to allow them to remain there without molestation.

Clark stated that he received information from an informant, whom he preferred not to name at present, but stated that he was employed as a horse trainer during the racing season at Hot Springs held in 1936, from the latter part of February through March of that year, to the effect that he had seen Karpis at Hot Springs about that time; that he, Clark, had then made arrangements with his informant to cover the races in the event Karpis attended any of the races, in order that he might pick him up should he do so; that, however, Karpis did not appear at any of the races as far as he or his informant was able to ascertain. Clark stated that he is positive in his own mind that both Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers and former Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin were aware of the fact that Karpis was in and about Hot Springs during this time and knew where he was staying. He stated as an example thereof the fact that on one occasion about this time, which was some weeks prior to the raid on the Woodcock house by Bureau Agents that he had been shown numerous dog hairs, black in color, adhering to the upholstery of Chief of Detectives Akers' automobile, and that former Lieutenant Cecil Brock, in showing him the black dog hair, had stated that it came from a dog owned by Karpis, which dog Akers had been transporting in his own automobile. It was Clark's recollection that the automobile operated by Akers at this time was a Chevrolet Coach.

Clark stated further that the original information which came into possession of his informant came from a well known crook and confidence man named Ralph, or Roy Pomeroy, with whom he is personally

acquainted and whom he believes now resides at Jackson, Mississippi, with his wife, if he is not serving time at some other place. Pomeroy came through North Little Rock, Arkansas, a few months ago, at which time he came by to see Clark. The following description of Pomeroy was given by Clark:

NAME	RALPH (or Roy) POMEROY
Height	6' 2"
Weight	200
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Build	Tall, well built
Residence	Believed Jackson, Mississippi
Criminal record	Served time in Oklahoma State Penitentiary for murder. Arrested by Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department for Investigation in March, 1936.

A letter will be directed from the Little Rock Office to the Jackson, Mississippi, Office requesting that an effort be made to locate Pomeroy for the purpose of interviewing him relative to his information concerning Karpis being at Hot Springs, Arkansas, during February and March of 1936. Should it be ascertained that Pomeroy is unknown at Jackson, Mississippi, the Bureau will then be requested to furnish the Little Rock Office with the complete criminal record of this man in order that leads may be set forth for the purpose of locating him.

On the date of Agents' interview with Clark, he stated that he was leaving on the following day for Chicago, Illinois, on a "good-will" tour for the Arkansas State Police. While in Chicago, Clark stated that he would endeavor to contact his informant previously referred to, and who may possibly be in Chicago at present if the racing season there is still in progress, because his informant no doubt will be present at any racing meet there. If Clark is successful in locating his informant at Chicago, he will notify the Chicago Office, in order that an Agent of the Bureau may interview him. He stated that he may have some difficulty in securing the permission of his informant to be interviewed, due to his natural reticence in giving information to law enforcement officers, but that he will endeavor to arrange the interview. Clark stated that upon his return from Chicago he will notify the Little Rock Bureau Office, and that he may be able to secure permission from the Superintendent of the Arkansas State Police to spend a few days at Hot Springs, in which event he will

contact Agents there and supply any additional information which he might be able to secure from informants at Hot Springs relative to instant investigation. Clark further indicated that he has information which would implicate Chief of Detectives Akers in a case involving a violation of the National Automobile Theft Act. A letter was directed by the Little Rock Office to the Chicago Office advising that office of the contemplated visit of Clark to Chicago and the possibility that Clark's informant may be located in that city.

As a general source of information at Hot Springs, Arkansas, Clark suggested that Agents contact Mr. "Dick" Davis, whom Clark stated was formerly employed as an officer of the State Revenue Department and who now is located in some Federal Farm Bureau at the Garland County Court House in Hot Springs.

On July 15, 1937, Special Agents Sullivan and Snow interviewed Mr. James Tankersley, Municipal Airport, Little Rock, Arkansas, with reference to his having flown a suspicious person from Little Rock, Arkansas, to Corpus Christi, Texas, in about March of 1936. Mr. Tankersley maintains his personally owned airplane at the Municipal Airport, Little Rock, and operates it for hire on cross-country flights and also local sightseeing flights. He is not connected officially with the American Airlines, which has a terminal and office at the Municipal Airport, but he stated that he often receives customers from this company who are referred to him when a private plane is needed for charter.

Tankersley stated that after the newspaper publicity appeared concerning the arrest of Alvin Karpis and his companion at New Orleans in May, 1936, and the reported fact that Karpis had lived at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and was also reported to have been in Corpus Christi, Texas, he recalled that on one occasion early in the year of 1936 he had contracted to fly a party from Little Rock, Arkansas, to Corpus Christi, Texas, who might have been Karpis or one of his associates. He stated that on that date he received a telephone call at his home during the morning from an employee of the American Airline office, "Buddy" Culpepper, at the Little Rock Municipal Airport, and that he was advised by Culpepper that a man was at the airport who wished to be flown to Corpus Christi, Texas. By referring to his log book, Tankersley stated that this man gave his name as L. R. Cole, and that the date of the flight was January 10, 1936. When he arrived at the Airport Tankersley advised that the man was waiting there alone and he did not see any automobile or other parties who might have been with Cole; that Cole told him he wished to be flown to Corpus Christi, Texas, as fast as possible, and that Cole expressed considerable dissatisfaction over the fact that his (Tankersley's) plane only had a cruising speed of about 100 miles per hour; that, however, he entered into an agreement to fly Cole to Corpus Christi, Texas, on that day for the price of \$160.00,



which Tankersley stated was the usual charge made by him for flying a passenger that distance, and that his charge was made by figuring the distance at his rate of twenty-five cents per mile. Tankersley stated that he left the Little Rock Airport with Cole at about 10:00 A. M. on that date, January 10, 1936, and that his plane was known as a J - 5 Stinson, which bore Department of Commerce license numbers NC 8467. They arrived at Shreveport, Louisiana, airport about noon, where a short stop was made for gasoline, and they reached Houston, Texas, at about 3:35 or 4:00 P. M. While at Houston, Texas, Tankersley stated that he again purchased gasoline for his plane, and that he used his Texas Oil Company courtesy card in so doing; that they remained at Houston for approximately thirty minutes, during which time he and Cole had something to eat at a restaurant to which they were directed by the manager of the airport, who also loaned them his model "A" Ford Coupe to drive to the restaurant; that this airport at Houston was not the leading airport there, as he learned after landing, but was known as the "Main Street Airport" and seemed to be little used. After leaving the Main Street Airport at Houston, Tankersley stated that it was growing dark and that he wished to stop and spend the night somewhere, but that Cole insisted upon keeping on and requested him to fly at night if necessary, in order to reach Corpus Christi as he was in a hurry to reach that place; that, however, a fog bank caused them to come down just after dark at a little town named Greta, Texas, which is located about ten miles from the town of Refugio, Texas, and that he landed at Greta because he noticed a light there from the burning gas wells; that after landing a cowboy came to meet them in a Model "A" Ford and took them to the ranch house nearby where several men were sitting and drinking after having been bird hunting; that he and Cole remained at the ranch house for a while, but that Cole did not say much to any of the men there and appeared nervous and anxious to get to Corpus Christi that night. Cole and Tankersley were then taken to the nearest town of any size, Refugio, Texas, by the same cowboy in his Model "A" Ford, where he, Tankersley, left Cole, who was to proceed to Corpus Christi as best as he could. While at Refugio, Texas, Tankersley stated that he and Cole had some beer and sandwiches, and that Cole purchased the cowboy who had brought them there a box of cigars. Due to the fact that Cole had not been flown directly into Corpus Christi, Tankersley stated that he reduced the price of the trip from \$160.00 to \$150.00, which was the amount paid him by Cole. This was the only and last time that Tankersley saw Cole.

From a group of photographs of the Karpis-Barker mob exhibited to him by Agents, Tankersley selected the photographs of Alvin Karpis and John Brock as most nearly fitting the description of Cole as he recalled him. He stated that the side view of Karpis seemed to resemble the profile of Cole, but that the direct view of John Brock also resembled that man. Tankersley stated that Cole had on an overcoat when he first met him at the Little Rock Airport. This man did not take off the coat to his suit while

flying in the plane, although Tankersley stated that it became very warm in the cabin due to the heaters, and that he, Tankersley, soon took off his coat. He also noticed a large buldge under one arm of Cole and thought at the time that it must have been a pistol concealed there. He stated also that during the entire time of the trip Cole did not say much and did not give him any reason for his apparent haste in reaching Corpus Christi. He did not recall any occasion during stops made on the trip when Cole was out of his sight and stated that Cole did not send or receive any telegrams, nor did he make any telephone calls to his knowledge.

Tankersley stated that "Buddy" Culpepper, American Airline employee, who called him at his home and advised him of the passenger, Cole, who wished to be flown to Corpus Christi, is now employed as Dispatcher at the Municipal Airport at Memphis, Tennessee, and that Culpepper may have some information as to how Cole arrived at the Little Rock Airport on the morning of January 10, 1936, and may also be able to make a positive identification of Cole from photographs. This lead and others appearing in the body of this report concerning the various places where Cole and Tankersley stopped during the trip will be covered by letters from the Little Rock Office in an effort to have Cole positively identified as being Karpis or one of his associates.

Tankersley supplied the following description of the man flown by him on the above described trip from Little Rock, Arkansas, until they were forced down at Greta, Texas, on January 10, 1936.

NAME	L. R. COLE
Age	About 32 - 36.
Build	Medium
Height	Medium
Hair	Believed brown
Eyeglasses	None
Wearing apparel	Dark blue overcoat with blue pine stripe suit.
Peculiarities	Believed to be left-handed.
Speech	Soft-spoken, pleasant.
Luggage	One suitcase, good quality, airplane type.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents John L. Madala and B. M. Suttler at Hot Springs, Arkansas, on July 13, 1937:



On March 10, 1936, Richard T. Galatas, who received a two year sentence in connection with the Kansas City Massacre Case, contacted Special Agent in Charge Harold E. Anderson at Phoenix, Arizona, and advised that he was in a position to "finger" William Elmer Mead for the Bureau, and that he thought that Mead and Alvin Karpis were in contact with each other. He advised that he was not personally acquainted with Karpis but had every reason to believe that Karpis and Mead were together. Inasmuch as Galatas had numerous local connections and since it has since been definitely determined that Karpis was in Hot Springs, Arkansas, around this period, it was thought that Galatas actually knew that Karpis was in town. Also, in view of the close association between Galatas and "Dutch" Akers, it was thought probable that if Galatas had information concerning Karpis, he would have provided this information or would have received it from "Dutch" Akers.

Investigation around Hot Springs developed that Mrs. Richard T. Galatas is presently residing at 19 Dell Street, Hot Springs, and that she is violently opposed to the local administration; also, that she was of considerable assistance to the Legislative Committee when they investigated the general lawless conditions in Hot Springs during the early part of this year.

On July 13, 1937, Agents located and interviewed Mrs. Richard T. Galatas at her home, 19 Dell Street. She advised that her husband left Hot Springs for the Leavenworth Penitentiary on March 28, 1936, and that he expects to be discharged from prison around October of this year. She stated she has been living in Hot Springs ever since the trial in Kansas City, Missouri, in January of 1935; that her husband also lived in Hot Springs during this period, that is up until he went to Leavenworth, Kansas.

Mrs. Galatas definitely advised that she is not acquainted with Alvin Karpis; that she never met him and did not know that he was in Hot Springs until she read about the Bureau raid on the Woodcock home on March 30, 1936. She further indicated that she does not believe that her husband knew that Karpis was in Hot Springs around this time, advising that if he had known, he certainly would have told her of this fact; that after her husband was sentenced to two years at Kansas City, Missouri, he and she came to Hot Springs and he did not engage in any kind of work, nor did he associate very much with his previous associates; that for this reason he would have had no way of knowing that Karpis was actually in town. She stated that both she and her husband are very much opposed to the present administration of Hot Springs, as her husband feels that he had been double-crossed by them. In this connection she advised that Galatas went to Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin shortly after her husband's trial in Kansas City and attempted to obtain a concession from the Mayor to operate a handbook in Hot Springs while

he was awaiting word on the appeal of his case; that the Mayor refused her husband to operate a handbook, stating that he was too "hot" to operate illegally in Hot Springs. Mrs. Galatas indicated that since that time neither she nor her husband would have anything more to do with McLaughlin.

Mrs. Galatas was interviewed at great length concerning Alvin Karpis, but she persistently denied knowing anything about him or about his stay in Hot Springs. She advised that she would be more than glad to cooperate with the Bureau if she knew anything, as she has no use for "Dutch" Akers or any of that crowd. She stated that she talked with Akers on several occasions since her husband went to Leavenworth and that he never indicated to her anything about Karpis. Mrs. Galatas was asked point blank whether she thought that Akers positively knew that Karpis was in Hot Springs from May, 1935, to March, 1936, and she advised, knowing Akers as she does, that there isn't any doubt in her mind but that he did know. In this connection she advised that Akers is one of the shrewdest police officers in the country, and that very few people, especially gangsters, come to Hot Springs without him knowing or hearing about it; that he very carefully scans strange faces, and that if they appear the least suspicious he checks up on them. She advised that Akers and Mayor McLaughlin are extremely close friends and that what one knows the other knows too.

Mrs. Galatas was furnished with the address of the Bureau's temporary office in Hot Springs, and she promised to contact Agents should she come into possession of any information relative to this investigation.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and H. A. Snow at Little Rock, Arkansas, on July 16, 1937:

The report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated April 19, 1936, contains on page 20 an interview with J. F. Cherry, a salesman for the Little Rock Buick Motor Company, bearing on his purchase of a set of license plates presumably for the maroon Buick Sedan of Alvin Karpis at the request of Raymond Clinton, salesman for the Creason Buick Motor Company at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mr. Cherry was interviewed by Agents and he reiterated the information contained in the report above referred to and could add little to it. He stated that Clinton called him on the telephone and stated that he was going to pick up a Buick Sedan at Memphis, Tennessee, and gave Cherry the motor and other identifying data of the car and asked Cherry to purchase a set of Arkansas license plates

for the car as he, Clinton, might not return to Little Rock in time to obtain license plates that day. Cherry recalls that Clinton told him to get the plates in the name of Bell, who Clinton made him believe was from Texarkana. Cherry cannot recall what address he gave for Bell when he purchased the license plates; that it is possible that he gave the Marion Hotel or some other local Little Rock, Arkansas, address, in order that his local Buick Agency would get credit for a sale in the R. L. Polk Agency which obtains the information of car sales not from the actual sellers but from the town where the car is first registered.

Cherry stated that it is not unusual for Clinton to request him to purchase license plates for prospective purchasers of cars, and Clinton frequently does this when he has to obtain the car from Memphis, Tennessee, and on such occasions he calls Cherry and asks that Cherry obtain the plates when he passes through Little Rock, in order that the plates will be available and he can pick them up on his return trip from Memphis. Cherry stated that he frequently gives the Marion Hotel or some local hotel as an address, in order that his agency will get credit for the sale in the Polk records; that this practice is generally known to the local and state police and nothing is thought about it; that the police will go direct to the car agency in case they want information concerning a particular purchaser.

Cherry stated that Grace Goldstein left her car at the Buick Service Agency at different times in the past year or more. He was shown photographs of members of the Karpis-Barker gang but he was only able to recognize the photograph of Grace Goldstein and he could not remember ever seeing a man with Grace Goldstein. The records of the Service Department of this agency were searched but no record could be found of a visit of Grace Goldstein to this place with her car prior to October 13, 1936. The records failed to show any services rendered to her Buick Coupe from December 1, 1935, to May 1, 1936, during the time that she was associating with Karpis.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and H. A. Snow on July 14, 1937.

The file in instant case and in the Kanmo case reflects that "Dutch" Akers was acquainted with Alvin Karpis prior to the year of 1935. These cases also indicated that Verne Miller, Herbert Farmer, Francis Keating, Thomas Holden and Frank Nash associated with Richard T. Galatas and probably with Chief of Detectives Akers in Hot Springs, Arkansas, during the year 1932. The file shows that some or all of these persons resided at or frequented the Cameron Apartments during the Spring of 1932. If Karpis visited Hot Springs prior to 1935, it is probable that he was in the company of the above individuals and probably met Chief of Detectives

Akers through someone or more of them. For this purpose of showing that Akers was, in fact, personally acquainted with Karpis prior to 1935, Agents interviewed Mrs. M. E. Leary, who has been Manager of the Cameron Apartments for the past eleven years. Available photographs of Herbert Farmer, Verne Miller, Tommie Holden, Fred and Doc Barker were shown to Mrs. Leary, but she was unable to recognize them as any persons who had ever resided at the Cameron Apartments. She was unable to identify the photograph of Alvin Karpis. She stated that she was acquainted by sight with Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers and Richard T. Galatas but could not associate them with any of the above persons. She did state that there have been various persons who have lived at the Cameron Apartments who were visited by Galatas before he was incarcerated, but she cannot identify such persons with the photographs shown to her. Mrs. Leary stated that Mr. Cameron, the Manager of the Park Hotel, owns the Cameron Hotel and is acquainted with some of the former tenants at the Cameron Apartments; that some of the original records of this apartment are kept at the Park Hotel.

On July 14, 1937, Special Agents Sullivan and Snow interviewed Mrs. "Billie" Maurice at her present residence, the Como Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, with reference to any information which she might have concerning members of the Barker-Karpis mob having stayed at the Maurice Apartments, which she owns, or having associated with Herbert Farmer and "Dick" Galatas, confidence men operating in Hot Springs during the period 1931 - 1933, which years were believed to have been the time when Karpis first became connected in Hot Springs.

Mrs. Maurice stated that she has never actually operated the Maurice Apartments personally, except for a short period, and that for a long number of years this apartment house was operated for her by a Mrs. Mabel Brady. She stated that Mrs. Brady became entangled with underworld characters visiting Hot Springs, and that these people stayed at the Maurice Apartments, but that she never became acquainted with any of them; that Mrs. Brady also became addicted to the use of dope and as a consequence thereof, she, Mrs. Maurice, attempted to operate her apartment building personally for a period of about two months during the year 1932 or 1933; that she did not remain long at the apartments after she let Mrs. Brady go as Manager thereof, and she secured the services of a Mrs. Dougherty as Manager. Mrs. Dougherty remained as Manager from the year 1932 or 1933 until the time she abandoned the operation of the Maurice Apartments and closed the building within the past year or so. The present address of Mrs. Dougherty is believed to be at Charleston, Missouri. Mrs. Maurice stated that she is sure that Mrs. Brady has full

knowledge of the identities of all criminals who stopped at the Maurice Apartments during the early years of the present decade, and that she should be able to give valuable information regarding their local connections if she can be prevailed upon to talk. She stated that the first impression gained upon seeing Mrs. Brady is that she is an honest and upright woman, but that she is not and was no doubt closely associated with many gang members stopping at the apartment building which she operated. Mrs. Maurice was of the opinion that the present address of Mrs. Brady is Little Rock, Arkansas, where she is believed to have relatives by the same name. Since information appears in the Kammo file that Mrs. Brady was considered unreliable and closely associated with the criminal element operating within and visiting the City of Hot Springs at that time, it is deemed advisable that she be interviewed in connection with the instant harboring investigation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in an effort to ascertain, if possible, the fact that Karpis was frequenting that city during the years 1931, 1932 and 1933, and possibly associating with such criminals as Frank Nash, Harvey Baily, Thomas Holden, Francis Keating, Herbert Farmer, of Joplin, Missouri, Arthur (Doc) Barker and "Dick" Galatas, all of whom are known to have frequented Hot Springs, Arkansas, and were believed to have stopped at times at the Maurice Apartments there, in which event it seems reasonable to presume that Karpis was at that time personally known to Chief of Detectives Akers.

As a further source of information regarding tenants at the Maurice Apartments during the above mentioned period, Mrs. Maurice stated that a Mrs. Alexander was housekeeper there for a number of years under the direct supervision of Mrs. Brady, and, although Mrs. Alexander was fired by her during the two months period when she, Mrs. Maurice, was personally operating the place, she was re-hired by Mrs. Dougherty, the next house manager. Mrs. Maurice did not know the present address of Mrs. Alexander but believes that she still resides at Hot Springs and stated that her present address can possibly be secured from two of her friends, Tony and Mike Bobinick (phonetic) who are employed as cook and waiter, respectively, at the Southern Club and Grill at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Incidentally, Mrs. Maurice stated that she has given up practically all activity in the City of Hot Springs, and that she is strongly against the administration and Mayor (McLaughlin) of the city; that she has at times feared for her life because of this, and that it has only been due to her age and influence, she believes, which has prevented her from being "bumped off" by the city powers. She also related an incident of Frank Clark and "Dick" Galatas, local notorious confidence men and friends of the Mayor, having at one time "taken" a victim for

\$10,000.00 in a "con" game, which took place at the Hatterie Hotel some time before Grace Goldstein moved there.

In an effort to locate the present address of Mrs. Mabel Brady at Little Rock, Arkansas, Agents contacted numerous "Bradys" in that city and ascertained from Mr. C. L. Brady, 2300 Louisiana Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, that Mrs. Mabel Brady is his aunt, and that she is presently residing at Rathbone, New York, where she might be reached, due to the fact that the town is a very small one. It was noted that the Postal Directory lists Rathbone as being in Steuben County, New York State. A letter is being directed to the New York City Office by the Little Rock Office in which a request is being made that Mrs. Brady be thoroughly interviewed regarding her knowledge of criminals who have stopped at the Maurice Apartments, Hot Springs, Arkansas, including those mentioned in the above paragraphs, and that it be ascertained whether she recalls Karpis staying or visiting at that apartment building.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and H. A. Snow on July 13, 1937, for the purpose of obtaining witnesses who either lived or operated businesses in the vicinity of the Hatterie Hotel during the time that Karpis kept company with Grace Goldstein and who may have seen Hot Springs Police Officers in the company of Karpis or Hunter at the Hatterie Hotel.

Dr. Charles E. Ellis, Manager of the Borland Drug Company, which is located immediately adjacent to the entrance of the Hatterie Hotel, was interviewed. He was shown photographs of all members of the Barker-Karpis gang but he was unable to identify any except those of Connie Morris and Grace Goldstein. He stated that he feels certain that Karpis must have visited his drug store at some time or other during the time that he was going with Grace Goldstein but that he is unable to recall that he ever saw Karpis. He stated that he has a recollection of having seen a Hudson Coupe parked in front of the Hatterie Hotel over some period of time, but he cannot place when it was that he saw this car and he cannot recall the person or persons who drove same. He was thoroughly questioned concerning the movements of Grace Goldstein and Karpis in moving into and out of the Hatterie Hotel during the times that they had residences elsewhere in Hot Springs, Arkansas, but this man was unable to provide any information of value to this investigation and he explained that he and a boy named Jack Davenport, who is employed on the soda fountain and also as delivery boy, were the only employees at the drug store; that he spends practically all of his time either in making up prescriptions or in other work in the rear of the store and, therefore, he has little opportunity to see what goes on out in front of the store or to see persons who enter or leave the Hatterie Hotel.



Paul Davenport, who is the present delivery boy and soda fountain employee at the Borland Drug Store, was interviewed and he stated that he took his brother Jack's place at the Drug Store during the last week of March, 1936, and has been continuously employed at the drug store since that time. This boy was thoroughly questioned as to the known events which transpired at the Hatterie Hotel around the time of the Woodcock raid, which was on March 30, 1936, but he was unable to recall any occasions when he saw Grace Goldstein move into or out of the Hatterie Hotel. He stated that he knew Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris because he had seen them at the drug store, but he was unable to identify any photographs of other members of the Karpis-Barker gang. Neither he nor Dr. Ellis were able to recall ever having seen any Hot Springs Police Officers visiting the Hatterie Hotel. It may be mentioned that Paul Davenport is not very intelligent and it is probable that very little information can be expected out of his brother, Jack Davenport, as Dr. Ellis stated that Jack Davenport is a very stupid boy who is not nearly as intelligent as Paul Davenport.

George Gabriel, who operates the DeLuxe Cafe, which is located almost directly across the street from the Hatterie Hotel, was interviewed. He stated that he is the husband of the Mrs. Gabriel who resides at 118 Palm Street; that he and his wife were living on Palm Street almost directly across the street from Grace Goldstein when she lived at 123 Palm Street, and they complained to Owen Poe that Grace Goldstein was operating a disorderly house and Poe made her move. He stated that he spends practically the entire day except two or three hours in the afternoon and every evening at his cafe, and therefore knows little of what transpired at 123 Palm Street when Grace Goldstein lived there. He did state that he has seen different men go in and out of Grace Goldstein's house and it was evident that she was operating a disorderly house. Gabriel was unable to recall exactly when it was that the Goldstein woman occupied 123 Palm Street and Agents were unsuccessful in refreshing his recollection of it being in May and June, 1935, he stating that he believed it was sometime in September, but he could not definitely recall the year. He did state that he did see the then Captain of Police Archer L. "Arch" Cooper coming out of Grace Goldstein's house at 123 Palm Street one morning about 6:00 A. M.; that Cooper looked weary, as though he had been out all night. Gabriel stated that this was the only time that he ever saw a police officer at 123 Palm Street. Gabriel was shown photographs of all members of the Karpis-Barker gang, which he was unable to identify as persons he had ever seen, except the photograph of Grace Goldstein which he did identify. Gabriel was unable to remember the identities of any automobiles or individuals he had seen at 123 Palm Street, other than as mentioned above.

Agents also thoroughly questioned Gabriel concerning the activities of Grace Goldstein from the time she moved into the Hatterie Hotel in June, 1935, but he was unable to recall ever having seen Karpis or Hunter or any police officers enter or leave that hotel, and he was unable to state that he had ever seen Karpis or Hunter at his restaurant. This man is probably ignorant and he also is probably unwilling to divulge any information he may have concerning the association of "Dutch" Akers and other police officers with Grace Goldstein and Alvin Karpis.

Gabriel stated that Steve Andrews works as counter man at his cafe in the evenings and Tony Nagle is counter man in the morning. He stated that he has heard some of his employees speak of Alvin Karpis but none in particular and he stated that they probably had talked with some of the taxi drivers of the Red Top Taxi Company, which has an office directly across from the Hatterie Hotel. He stated that Bill Humphreys, who formerly was a driver for the Red Top Cabs, and Mike Martin, who also was a former Red Top Cab driver and who now operates a service station just beyond the Municipal Airport, might have information concerning the activities of Karpis at the Hatterie Hotel; that a former Red Top driver named Jimmie also might have information, and this man married a daughter of Mrs. Pate, who operates a rooming house near the Sanitary Bakery; that Jimmie adopted a small baby who was born at the Hatterie Hotel a few months ago, some reports being that it was Grace's baby, and the baby later died and Grace paid all the doctor's and funeral bills.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and H. A. Snow on July 13, 1937:

On July 12, 1937, Mrs. E. S. Thompson, owner of the Thompson Building, where the temporary office is being maintained at Hot Springs, Arkansas, advised that a few nights before the above date she attended a bridge party where Dr. Charles Moss of the Wade Clinic stated that he had located a record within the past few days which showed that Alvin Karpis had been treated with his "gunman" at the Wade Clinic. Previous investigation had been conducted at the Wade Clinic but no record had been found of the treatment of Karpis, although it was learned that he had been treated at this place. With a view of locating a record of the treatment of Karpis, Dr. Charles Moss was interviewed at the Wade Clinic and he stated that he did not know of any record showing the treatment of Karpis, but in speaking with Dr. Wade he learned that Karpis had been treated at the Wade Clinic during the time that he resided at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Dr. J. O. Boydstone of the Wade Clinic was interviewed after it was learned that he treated most of the female patients who come to this clinic.



He was questioned as to the identities of the various prostitutes employed by Grace Goldstein during the years of 1935 and 1936, but he was unable to recall the names of these women. The names used by the various prostitutes who had worked for Grace Goldstein were provided Dr. Boydstone and he stated that he would personally check the records of the Wade Clinic to determine whether any of these women received treatment and would obtain all available personal histories on these women, in order that they might be located for interview. He stated that he still treats Grace Goldstein almost daily and that she talks freely and he will obtain from her in the next few days the present whereabouts of the various girls she employed during the years 1935 and 1936. He stated that Connie Morris had left Hot Springs, Arkansas some months ago and was now married to some wealthy man and was now residing somewhere in Kansas City, Missouri; that he would learn her present address and will give this information to Agents in the next few days. Various photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang were shown to Dr. Boydstone but he was only able to identify the photographs of Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris.

Emory Wood, who is employed at the Murray Transfer Company, was interviewed by Special Agents H. A. Snow and D. P. Sullivan on July 17, 1937. He stated that he had frequented Jim and George's Restaurant, which is also known as the Hot Springs Confectionery, on several occasions since last interviewed by Bureau Agents, but he has not seen the man who worked there and who may be willing to provide information concerning Karpis, Grace Goldstein and Akers frequenting this restaurant. Wood stated that he was acquainted with a waitress who formerly worked at the Hot Springs Confectionery, who was very friendly with the young man he has in mind; that he will attempt to learn the name and address of this man from the waitress and will advise Agents.

Wood was also questioned concerning the exact date that he moved certain belongings of Grace Goldstein from Dyer's Landing to the Hatterie Hotel in the fall of 1935. He stated that he had searched the records of the Murray Transfer Company, but he had been unable to locate the records covering the period in question. He stated that he will make further search to locate the missing records.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and H. A. Snow on July 14, 1937:

Previous investigation has disclosed certain witnesses who can testify to the residence of Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter at Grace Goldstein's house of prostitution at 123 Palm Street. Roy Armenia, who lives at 125 Palm Street, was interviewed at the Burch Motor Company, where he is employed, and he went with Agents to his residence, where he obtained such records as his mother maintains as to the identities of the persons who roomed at his mother's house when Grace Goldstein lived next door. Earl

Spencer, who has lived at 125 Palm Street for some years, was also interviewed with Roy Armenia. Agents were unable to obtain the records of roomers for May and June, 1935, but Spencer and Armenia stated that Mr. and Mrs. William J. Mullins, who received their mail in the name of J. W. Mullins, lived in Apartment 1, which is located in the rear of the first floor at 125 Palm Street, while Grace Goldstein lived next door. Mullins was receiving aid from the Federal Transient Bureau and it is probable that he was taking treatments at the Public Health Clinic.

Agents were also informed that Pete Morrison resided in Apartment 6 at 123 Palm Street from about April 18, 1935, to about June 10, 1935. This apartment is located in the rear of the second floor. Morrison was also receiving relief from the Federal Transient Bureau and was taking treatments at the Public Health Clinic. A man named Jack Hawkins roomed with Morrison for a week or two during the above period.

Earl Spencer and Roy Armenia also stated that Lou E. Spencer and his wife lived in Apartment 2 while Grace Goldstein lived next door; that Spencer is presently employed at an armature re-winding shop located on the ground floor of the Broadway Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer were very friendly with the Mullins family.

It was learned that Carl Rasp and his wife were possibly residing at Mrs. Armenia during the time that Grace Goldstein lived next door, and occupied Apartment 5. Rasp was taking treatments at the Public Health Clinic.

Earl Spender stated that the records of the Federal Transient Bureau had been transferred to Camp Garrity at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that a Mr. Wright is in charge of that camp. Roy Armenia also stated that his brother, Sirfean Armenia, who recently married, lived at 123 Palm Street when Grace Goldstein lived next door; that Sirfean is presently residing at 9 Snyder Street, which is located about a half block off of the far end of Park Avenue, and is presently employed as a linotype operator at the New Era Newspaper.

On July 17, 1937, Special Agents H. A. Snow and D. P. Sullivan talked with Lou E. Spencer at the Dutch Mill on Lake Hamilton, Route 7, after Agents learned that this man is no longer employed at the armature re-winding company in the Broadway Hotel. Spencer is now the engineer on the boat Queen Mary, which is moored at the Dutch Mill. Arrangements were made to interview Spencer on July 19, 1937, at his residence at 139 Franklin Avenue.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. A. Snow and D. P. Sullivan on July 13, 1937:

Miss Gladys Wilson was interviewed at her residence, 1101 Central Avenue. She stated that she interviewed Joe L. Scott, former Hot Springs Police Officer, for two hours and a half on the evening of July 12, 1937, and thoroughly questioned him concerning the information he obtained in the year of 1935 relative to Alvin Karpis residing at Milam's Landing; that Scott stated that he was unable to recall who told him this information, but he told Miss Wilson that he was under the impression that she was the person who gave him the "tip". Miss Wilson stated that this was, of course, ridiculous as she never had any information that Karpis was residing in Hot Springs and she was unable to get Scott to disclose the source of his information, and she stated that she believed that Scott knew who told him but was unwilling to disclose the identity of his informant. Miss Wilson stated that Binnie Rawson, who lives on Central Avenue on the southwest corner of the intersection of the street located at the second traffic light beyond Grand Avenue, lived with Roy Milam during the summer of 1935 when his wife was away. It is known that at about the time that Karpis and Hunter lived at Milam's Landing in August, 1935, Mrs. Milam was absent and it would appear that Binnie Rawson may have information concerning the residence of Karpis and Hunter at Milam's Landing and may know whether the local police tipped off Karpis and Hunter after Officer Joe Scott reported to Chief of Police Wakelin that Karpis was living at this place.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and H. A. Snow at Little Rock, Arkansas, on July 15, 1937.

It having been previously indicated that the estranged wife of Leo P. McLaughlin, who is now suing for divorce, possibly had information relative to the harboring of Alvin Karpis and was willing to disclose same to Bureau Agents, Attorney P. A. Lasley was interviewed at his offices in the Southern Building. He stated that he is representing Mrs. Flo McLaughlin in her divorce action against Leo P. McLaughlin; that Mrs. McLaughlin had told him a great deal of the lawlessness existing in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and had talked of the case of "Lucky" Luciano and had mentioned the names of Frank Nash and Alvin Karpis among other notorious criminals who had frequented Hot Springs, but he cannot now recall the details of what she said. Lasley stated that Mrs. McLaughlin undoubtedly had information concerning the harboring of Alvin Karpis; that Mrs. McLaughlin is presently away from Little Rock but is expected back about June 19th and he will approach her and attempt to arrange for her to interview Agents and tell what she knows concerning the harboring of Alvin Karpis. Mr. Lasley was very cooperative and stated that he would call the Little Rock Field Division as soon as Mrs. McLaughlin has returned and he has had a chance to speak with her.

Lasley also informed Agents that the Internal Revenue Bureau was presently investigating Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin for violating the income tax laws and he indicated that there was evidence that McLaughlin received a large income from the operation of various lawless enterprises at Hot Springs, Arkansas, such as gambling, etc. Close touch will be maintained with Attorney Lasley and Mrs. McLaughlin will be interviewed shortly after her return to Little Rock, Arkansas.

On July 17, 1937, Mr. C. Floyd Huff, United States Commissioner, appeared at the temporary office maintained by Agents in the Thompson Building and advised that he had ascertained the present address of former Officer Charles Sellers to be 200 Dameron Street, Knoxville, Tennessee. It was Mr. Huff's opinion that Sellers would have valuable information in his possession regarding conditions at Hot Springs, Arkansas, during the time he resided there and was a member of the Police Department, if he could be persuaded to impart such information. Huff stated that he was well acquainted with Sellers and would direct a letter to him requesting him to give the Bureau Agents who interviewed him all the information in his possession.

Huff also stated that Mr. Guinn R. Massey, who operates the department store bearing his name at 110 Ouachita Avenue, had spoken to him relative to instant investigation being conducted and requested that an Agent contact him at some future time. Huff stated that he does not believe that Massey has any direct information regarding the harboring of Karpis, but would probably be able to give reliable general information regarding existing conditions at Hot Springs. Huff also stated that Mr. Ed Walsh, representative for the Etna Insurance Company, had told him on occasions in the past that Judge Ledgerwood has bought several large annuities from his company. It was also Huff's opinion that Ledgerwood has never filed an income tax return with the Federal Government, although he is a large property holder. Huff stated that he believes that McLaughlin and Ledgerwood have relied upon the influence of United States Senator Joe Robinson to forestall any investigation of their incomes by the Internal Revenue Department.

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Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
July 30, 1937.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. E. J. Connelley, Inspector,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square,  
New York, New York.

RE: BREKID

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7-576-3-18

Dear Sir:

You are advised that the investigation of the harboring case at Hot Springs, Arkansas, is substantially completed with the exception of the completion of a few outstanding leads which may produce material results, and routine work, such as the searching of the newspaper files of the local Hot Springs newspapers from January, 1934, up until the arrest of Alvin Karpis, May, 1936, for articles bearing on the activities of the Barker-Karpis gang. At the present time prostitutes who were employed by Grace Goldstein during the years 1935 and 1936, when she associated with Alvin Karpis, are being interviewed. These women have provided information concerning the activities of Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter, et. al., Hot Springs, Arkansas, and have informed of the close association of Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin and Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers with Grace Goldstein while she was keeping company with Karpis.

As you suggested, the present employees at the Hatterie Hotel who worked for Grace Goldstein when she went with Alvin Karpis were interviewed simultaneously. These employees consisted of Lillian Thomas, a negro maid, and Della Mae Jefferies, a prostitute who goes by the name of Ginger. You will recall that Ginger was one of Chief of Detectives Akers' supposed informants around the time of the Woodcock raid. She has advised that beginning around December 1, 1935, she told Akers of the definite association of Grace Goldstein with Alvin Karpis, and advised Akers from day to day of various bits of information concerning travels of Karpis and Grace Goldstein.

Mr. E. J. Connelley, Inspector,  
New York, New York.

July 30, 1937.

former places of residence, the automobiles used by them and various other leads by which Akers could locate Karpis. She states that Akers received this information and made a pretense of being interested in locating Karpis, but apparently took no action in attempting to locate this man. Of course, Akers never advised this Bureau in December, 1935, of the information that prostitute Ginger was giving him concerning the association of Karpis with Grace Goldstein.

Recently Mrs. Fincell, the owner of the house at 124 Clubb Street, where Karpis and Grace Goldstein lived from about December 17, 1935, until February 11, 1936, when they moved into the Woodcock home, was interviewed by an Agent of the New Orleans Field Division. At that time Mrs. Fincell indicated that she intended visiting Hot Springs in two or three days and the interviewing agent, therefore, did not question her thoroughly. She did indicate that Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers, Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin and City Attorney A. T. "Sonny" Davies were frequent visitors at 124 Clubb Street when it was occupied by Grace Goldstein and Alvin Karpis. Mrs. Fincell had failed to visit Hot Springs to date, but she will be interviewed in the next few days. Her testimony establishes that Akers was a visitor of Karpis after the time that he was being contacted by the prostitute Ginger.

It now appears that the investigation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, will be completed in about ten or twelve days, with the exception of the interviewing of the principle subjects, including former Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin and Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers. It is my understanding that you desire to be present in Little Rock and personally conduct interviews with Grace Goldstein and those who may be considered as subjects in this case and, in such event, you will be contacted several days before the completion of this investigation, in order that you may make necessary arrangements if you care to do so. In order that contact may be made with you, it is desired that you communicate with this office advising of where you may be located.



Mr. E. J. Connelley, Inspector,  
New York, New York

July 30, 1937.

In the event you find it impossible to be in Little Rock for the purpose of conducting these interviews personally and desire that such interviews as mentioned above be conducted by the Agents presently on special assignment at Hot Springs, it is requested that you so advise me.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMAN FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau ✓  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

EAT:MC

July 30, 1937.

Time: 11:10 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER CASE

SAC Fletcher at Little Rock called me advising that Lillian, who worked at Grace's place and the prostitute "Ginger" were brought to the temporary headquarters at Hot Springs for interview. He stated that inasmuch as the interview was to be quite lengthy, they expressed preference to be taken into Little Rock for interview, which he had permitted. He stated they were interviewed without restraint, but Ginger had been unable to recall certain occurrences and desired that Agents accompany her to Pine Bluff where she has a sister, not engaged in the racket, who might be able to refresh her memory. Mr. Fletcher stated he wanted to get the Bureau's reaction to this.

I told him it would be all right for them to go to Pine Bluff, if accompanied by a matron. Mr. Fletcher then asked if it would be permissible to send a stenographer with them if he is unable to secure a matron, stating they would be back before nightfall, which I authorized.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
AUG 3 1937  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Post Office Box #1469  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
July 31, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
New Orleans, Louisiana

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent F. A. Fletcher, New Orleans, dated July 8, 1937, containing information that Mrs. Phillip David intended to visit Hot Springs, Arkansas, a few days after July 4, 1937. The agents who have been engaged on the harboring case at Hot Springs, Arkansas, have kept in close touch with Mrs. McCaffery who handles the real estate of Mrs. David at Hot Springs, but Mrs. McCaffery had received no word from Mrs. David, and it is not known when Mrs. David will visit Hot Springs. In view of the importance of the information which Mrs. David has regarding visits of Chief of Detectives Akers, former Chief of Police Makelin and City Attorney Davies to 124 Club Street during December, 1935, and January, 1936, it is essential that this woman be thoroughly interviewed by an agent familiar with the facts in the harboring investigation at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

In view of the above it is requested that inquiry be made at Monroe, Louisiana, to ascertain whether Mrs. David intends visiting Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the next few days. In the event that Mrs. David cannot visit Hot Springs in the immediate future, arrangements will be made to have her interviewed by an agent thoroughly familiar with the harboring investigation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, at Monroe, Louisiana.

It is requested that the requested information be forwarded to the Little Rock Field Division at the earliest possible time.

Very truly yours,

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CHAPMAN FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland

1216 Smith Young Tower  
San Antonio, Texas.  
July 29, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Ark.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of July 18, 1937.

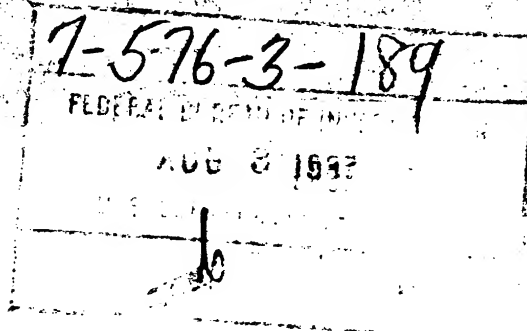
The records of the Automobile Registration Division,  
State Highway Department, Austin, Texas, reflect that 1935 Texas  
license 670-696, was issued to C. H. Askew, 435 Cleveland Street,  
Paris, Texas, for 1935 Willis Knight sedan motor #59966, on Nov.  
25, 1935.

There is no record of the registration of this car  
for 1936 or 1937.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau ✓  
Dallas  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/3/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/18-26/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>D. P. SULLIVAN     ADM</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with aliases - FUGITIVE; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Ercell Brock, former Hot Springs taxi cab driver and brother of Cecil Brock, advises that Kansas State Trooper Joe Anderson and Post Office Inspectors contacted his brother relative to the location of Karpis and Hunter, a day or two prior to March 25, 1936; admits that he divulged to Connie Morris, on the night of March 25, 1936, the fact that the Post Office Inspectors were in Hot Springs seeking Fred Hunter. Additional witnesses place Karpis and Hunter at 123 Palm Street and state that Chief of Detectives Akers was frequent visitor at that address. Other witnesses state that Karpis and Hunter were frequent visitors at the Hatterie Hotel. Records of the Marquette Hotel disclose that Fred Hunter registered there on October 25, 1935, and remained one day. Further inquiry fails to verify information that Karpis and Hunter lived at Milam's Landing on Lake Hamilton in the summer of 1935.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated July 27, 1937.

**DETAILS:**

This report covers the investigative activity of Special Agents B. M. Suttler, H. A. Snow, John L. Madala and the writer, in the harboring case at Hot Springs, Arkansas, for the period covered by this report.

<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>11 MAR 25 1965 COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 Bureau - 2 copies held file in Encl. 2 Cincinnati - 2 copies destroyed 1 Cleveland 1 Chicago 1 Dallas 1 Inspector E. J. Connelley 3 Little Rock</p>	<p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">7 1576-3-190 AUG 3 1937</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>[Handwritten initials and marks]</i></p>
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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents John L. Madala and B. M. Suttler at Graysonia, Arkansas, on July 21, 1937:

Reference is made to the report of Inspector E. J. Connelley, dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, April 11, 1936, wherein it is indicated that Joe Anderson, Kansas State Patrolman, an informant for the Post Office Inspectors, contacted one John Brock, a taxi cab driver, in an effort to have him obtain from Connie Morris, with whom Brock was infatuated, the then whereabouts of Fred Hunter. It was stated that Brock became drunk on the night of March 25, 1936, talked with Connie Morris at the Hatterie Hotel and unwittingly divulged to her that the Government men were seeking the apprehension of Fred Hunter and Alvin Karpis in Hot Springs, as a result of which Connie "tipped off" Karpis and Hunter at the Woodcock home where they were residing, and caused them to hurriedly leave Hot Springs some time during the late afternoon of March 26, 1936.

During the past several weeks frequent contact was had with Cecil Brock, former Hot Springs police officer and brother to the above mentioned taxi-cab driver. He advised that his brother's correct name is Ercell Brock, and that he is now living with his mother at Graysonia, Arkansas, where she is Postmaster.

On July 21, 1937, Agents proceeded to Graysonia, Arkansas, and interviewed Ercell Brock at his home. He advised that he is thirty years of age, and that he was a taxi-cab driver in Hot Springs for many years; that he drove for the Yellow Cab Company, and that he left Hot Springs on or about April 27, 1936; that since that time he has done considerable traveling and has worked at odd jobs.

Brock advised that he has known Grace Goldstein ever since she operated a cheap house of prostitution near the Broadway Hotel; that at that time she was married to a Frenchman whom everybody called Trigety, or some such name; that she later divorced herself from this husband, and that when the building burned where she was operating, she started up a place in the 1300 block on Central Avenue in Hot Springs. He advised that it was around this time when he first became acquainted with Connie Morris, who had come to Hot Springs from Oklahoma and established herself in Grace's house. He advised that Greta and Ginger were the other girls who worked for Grace Goldstein around this time.

Continuing, Brock informed that after the Sheriff's office raided and closed Grace's place on Central Avenue, she moved to 123 Palm Street, Hot Springs, and took Connie, Greta and Ginger with her. He recalled that this was around May of 1935. Brock admitted that he visited Grace Goldstein's house of prostitution on Palm Street on many occasions during the short time she was operating there; that most of

these visits were occasioned by taking customers to her place, and that on at least three occasions he filled dates with the prostitutes there.

Agents questioned Brock whether he heard from any source around this time that Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris had a couple of rich boy friends "on the string", and he advised that he had, stating that he probably got this from either Greta or Ginger. He recalled that on one occasion he and two other cab drivers visited Grace's place on Palm Street; that they sat around the front part of the house drinking beer and that Connie and Greta were with them; that while they were there some one came in the rear door, and that Connie immediately walked to that part of the house; that Connie remained away for almost an hour when one of the boys asked where she was, and Greta replied that she was probably with her new boy friend. At this juncture, Agents exhibited to Erzell Brock photographs of Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter, and he positively identified Fred Hunter as being Connie's boy friend. He could not identify the photograph of Karpis, stating that he is positive he never saw him in the company of Grace Goldstein or at any one of her places. He could not from his own personal knowledge place them in the house on Palm Street.

Continuing Brock advised that the first time he recalls seeing Fred Hunter was shortly after Grace Goldstein moved to the Hatterie Hotel; that on this occasion and on other occasions thereafter he would see Connie and Hunter walk together away from the Hatterie Hotel along bath-house row and up the mountain in the rear of the bath houses; that he once asked Connie who her boy friend was and she replied that he was a night-club owner from Ohio, and indicated that he was living at the Arlington Hotel. He advised that he also heard around this time that Grace was running around with some rich Canadian and that she was expecting to marry him. Although he was not positive, he believed that he got this information from Connie at the same time that she told him about her boy friend. Brock was positive that he never saw Hunter at the Hatterie Hotel.

Continuing Erzell Brock advised that he recalls that Connie Morris left Hot Springs on Armistice Day (November 11, 1935) and supposedly went to her sister's home in San Antonio, Texas, with her boy friend; that he didn't see Connie again until sometime around the first of the year, 1936; that on this occasion he saw her buy a paper at the Southern Club and then walk into the Waukesha Hotel. Brock was of the opinion that she was registered there at this time, probably with Fred Hunter. It will be recalled that Connie Morris advised in her signed

statement, dated at New Orleans, May 3, 1936, that she and Fred Hunter returned to Hot Springs in December, 1935, and stayed for two nights at the Mountain View Tourist Camp, after which she and Hunter drove to her mother's home in Frederick, Oklahoma. The records at this tourist camp failed to show that she and Hunter ever resided there.

Ercell Brock further related that approximately a week or ten days prior to the raid on the Woodcock home on March 30, 1936, a Post Office Inspector by the name of Haynes contacted him and showed him photographs of Fred Hunter and Alvin Karpis in an effort to have him identify the same; that Haynes told him at this time that Hunter was wanted for a Mail Robbery in Ohio, and that he was supposed to be running around with a prostitute in Hot Springs. Brock advised that from the description of this prostitute as furnished by Inspector Haynes, and after viewing the photograph of Fred Hunter, he immediately knew that Haynes was checking up on Connie Morris. He stated that he did not tell Inspector Haynes on the occasion of this contact that the girl for whom he was looking was Connie Morris, as he did not want to be a stool pigeon; that, however, later that day after giving the matter further thought he came to the conclusion that he would be doing Connie a favor if he could get her boy friend out of the way; that after he decided upon this he immediately got in touch with Inspector Haynes at the Howe Hotel and told him everything he knew about Connie Morris and Grace Goldstein; that thereafter Haynes asked him if he could descreetly obtain a photograph of Connie; that he told him he would try, and that night he was successful in getting one out of her album which she had at the Hatterie Hotel.

At this point Agents questioned Ercell Brock as to the circumstances under which Inspector Haynes contacted him in the first instance. He advised that it is his understanding that Joe Anderson, a Kansas State Patrolman, and who worked in cooperation with the Post Office Inspectors at that time, was previously acquainted with E. C. Jefferies, another taxi-cab driver and who is now employed at a Fishing Camp outside of Hot Springs; that Anderson sent Inspector Haynes to contact Jefferies for cooperation and assistance in Hot Springs, and that Jefferies in turn referred Haynes to Brock as a possible source of information, he, Jefferies, knowing that Brock was better acquainted around the various houses of prostitution in Hot Springs.

It might be stated that during the early contacts Ercell Brock had with the Post Office Inspectors and Joe Anderson, they were particularly interested in learning of the whereabouts of Fred Hunter rather than Alvin Karpis; that they asked him very few questions about Karpis and recalls that they showed him his photograph on the occasion of the first mee ting



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Agents questioned Brock whether he knew Connie Morris was in Hot Springs at the time Inspector Haynes first contacted him around March 24, 1936, and he advised that one of the local cab drivers told him a week previously that Connie had returned to Hot Springs, but that he did not see her until a day or so after Haynes first contacted him. At this point Brock was positive in his statement that the Post Office Inspectors did not know about Connie Morris being a consort of Fred Hunter until he informed Haynes of this fact.

Continuing Brock advised that on the morning following his first meeting with Inspector Haynes, the latter introduced him to Joe Anderson; that on this occasion he was told to come to the Howe Hotel where he met Anderson and Colonel Wendt Smith of the Kansas State Patrol; that Inspector Haynes and another Post Office Inspector were likewise there. Brock was of the opinion that Anderson and Colonel Smith had arrived in Hot Springs either that morning or late the previous evening; that he understood that Anderson was staying at the home of Billy Cline, an old friend of his, and that the room at the Howe Hotel was merely being used as a meeting place.

Brock further indicated that after his first meeting with Joe Anderson and Inspector Haynes they contacted him quite frequently, and it was his understanding that they had a "tail" on Connie; that Jefferies would watch for her to leave the Hatterie Hotel, after which he would call either Joe Anderson or one of the Post Office Inspectors, who would take up the "tail". Brock advised that on one occasion shortly after he met Joe Anderson, this being possibly a day or two later, Anderson asked him and Jefferies whether they thought that "Dutch" Akers could be trusted to the extent of cooperating with them in their investigation at Hot Springs; that both he and Jefferies advised Anderson against it, stating that Akers would do anything for a dollar. In this connection Brock related to Agents that approximately a year or so previously a man from Florida, who owns a couple of laundries there, came to Hot Springs and registered at the Como Hotel; that this man appeared to be wealthy and while in Hot Springs associated with some prostitute; that he was a married man and one night Akers came to his room in the Como Hotel and threatened to blackmail him by demanding that if he did not turn \$300.00 over to him, he, Akers, would inform his wife that he was running around with a prostitute in Hot Springs and thereby break up his marriage. Brock advised that this man told Akers to go to hell, and Brock did not know what the final outcome of that situation was. He advised that a taxi driver named Merchant, who drove the intended victim around Hot Springs, told him all about the above incident.

Continuing Erzell Brock advised that after he and Jefferies advised Anderson against contacting "Dutch" Akers, they decided to talk with his brother, Cecil Brock, and attempt to enlist his cooperation in their efforts to locate Fred Hunter and Alvin Karpis. In this connection, Anderson called him one day and had him drive to his brother's home on Dell Street, where he was living at that time. Brock advised that Jefferies was with him and Joe Anderson on this occasion; that they drove to Cecil's house by coming down West Mountain rather than by proceeding to it by way of Park Avenue and down Dell Street; that Anderson talked with Cecil privately for about thirty minutes, none of which conversation he overheard, nor was advised about later on. Brock believed that this contact with his brother took place either a day or two prior to March 25, 1936.

Continuing Erzell Brock related that on March 25, 1936, Inspector Haynes contacted him and gave him three or four dollars to go to the Hatterie Hotel and fill a date with Connie Morris and thereafter get whatever information he could from her. He advised that he went to the Hatterie Hotel around 9:00 P. M. that night and found Connie there; that they had a few beers and during the course of the evening she told him that she could not fill a date with him, as Dr. Blacke had examined her that day and found that she was afflicted with gonorrhea. Brock advised that Connie did not seem very upset over this disclosure and acted natural and her self all evening; that she informed him that she had to see Dr. Blacke again the following morning for a treatment. It might be stated here that the records in the office of Dr. Blacke disclose that Connie Morris visited there on March 25 and 26, 1936. Brock advised that he drank considerable beer this particular evening and became quite intoxicated; that he probably told Connie all about his contacts with the Post Office Inspectors and probably persuaded her to turn Fred Hunter in to the authorities for the reward that was offered for his arrest by the Postal Inspectors. Brock advised that in view of his drunken condition, he cannot recall now just what he told Connie on this particular evening. He stated that he left Connie and the Hatterie Hotel around midnight of March 25, 1936, and that as far as he knows he did not excite Connie to any great extent with what he told her.

Brock further related that on the following morning, March 26, 1936, when he proceeded to work around 7:30 A. M. he observed Connie walking with a small brown dog which belonged to Pauline, who was one of the inmates in Grace's house at that time; that Connie was walking towards the Hatterie Hotel and that he did not stop to talk with her. Brock indicated that this was the last time he ever saw Connie Morris.

Continuing Brock advised that he did not immediately see either Joe Anderson or Inspector Haynes after his contact with Connie Morris on the night of March 25, 1936; that sometime after 9:00 A. M. on March 26, 1936, Jefferies got in touch with him and told him that he had just seen Connie Morris leave the Hatterie Hotel, walk to the White Front Cigar Store and step into a Black and White cab; that he reported this observation to Joe Anderson at the Goddard Hotel, and that Anderson suggested that he, Brock, contact the cab driver who drove Connie and ascertain where he drove her. Brock advised that he learned that Clarence George was the driver in question, and that he drove her to the Marquette Hotel. In this connection Brock informed that some time later Grace Goldstein learned that this information was given out by the Black and White Cab Company, and that she literally raised hell about it; that thereafter Clarence George "jumped" him about it.

Brock further stated that later that day, possibly around two or three o'clock in the afternoon, he got a call at the Country Club from "Dutch" Akers, who told him to come to the Police Station immediately. Brock stated that he had to pay seventy-five cents out of his own pocket for the trip from the Club to the City Jail, and that this trip should be on record in the office of the Yellow Cab Company. He continued that when he arrived at the City Jail "Dutch" Akers "jumped" all over him for disclosing to Connie Morris the previous evening the fact that Government men were in town looking for Fred Hunter and Alvin Karpis. He told Brock that the town was swarming with G-men and that "hell would be popping from then on". Brock stated that while "Dutch" Akers was talking with him he observed Inspector Haynes standing behind the partition in Akers' office attempting to conceal himself; that this worried him considerably and he could not understand its meaning. He advised that he likewise was unable to understand where Akers got his information about his contact with Connie Morris the previous evening and about his conversation with her, but later learned that Grace Goldstein probably told him about it, as he understood that she was interviewed by Akers and Joe Anderson a short time prior to his arrival at the City Jail that day.

Continuing Brock advised Agents that that night when he checked off from work at around 8:00 P. M. he received a telephone call from Grace Goldstein to come to the Hatterie Hotel as soon as he could; that he immediately went up there and Grace talked with him about an hour; that she was considerably angry with him for having had anything to do with the Government authorities and also for having frightened Connie the previous evening by telling her that she would end up in prison if she did not reveal the whereabouts of Fred Hunter; that Grace further informed him that after he talked with Connie, she was too frightened to stay in

town, and that that morning she picked up Connie in the rear of the Marquette Hotel and drove her to the intersection of Routes 67 and 7, near Arkadelphia, where she left her off; that thereafter she saw Connie catch a ride from a bakery truck who took her into Arkadelphia. Brock advised that Grace indicated to him that she had been interviewed by Akers and Joe Anderson earlier that afternoon, March 26, 1936, and that she had told them the same story about Connie as related above. He further stated that Grace endeavored to find out from him what Government men had previously contacted him, what they looked like and where they were from; that the only one she appeared to know was Joe Anderson.

Ercell Brock advised that subsequent to the raid on the Woodcock home on March 30, 1936, he continued to be an informant for Joe Anderson and the Post Office Inspectors, but that he couldn't secure very much information as Grace Goldstein and the other girls in her house were very apprehensive of him. Brock advised that Pete Ratliff, who operated the Gulf Filling Station on Ouachita Avenue, Hot Springs, knew Grace Goldstein when she ran a house at 1338 S. Central Avenue, and that on one occasion Ratliff took a trip with Joe Anderson in the hope of locating Grace Goldstein and Alvin Karpis. Brock indicated that this was after the raid on March 30, 1936.

Ercell Brock was questioned at great length as to whether he ever saw "Dutch" Akers or any other police officers at 123 Palm Street or at the Hatterie Hotel during the time Grace Goldstein operated there, and he advised that he had not.

Brock advised that one day during the latter part of April, 1936, his brother, Cecil, called him over the telephone and told him that a woman had called him and said that Karpis was in Hot Springs and that he had better leave town immediately. Brock advised that this frightened him very much and he immediately left for Graysonia, Arkansas, and remained there for approximately one week. Brock stated that he does not know who called his brother on the above occasion, nor does he know whether Karpis was in fact in Hot Springs at that time.

Continuing Brock advised that he was in Hot Springs sometime after the raid, and Gene Walls, a former taxi driver, told him that he went to the Hot Springs Confectionery one night and saw Grace and a young fellow with her sitting at a table; that Grace called him over to the table and introduced the man to him as her husband. Brock advised that Walls later believed that the man he had met on this occasion was Alvin Karpis. Gene Walls is now in St. Louis or Kansas City, Missouri.

He has a brother working for some Insurance Broker in Hot Springs.

Brock advised that he could be reached at any time by contacting his mother at Graysonia, Arkansas, where she is the Postmaster.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and H. A. Snow on July 21, 1937.

It has been previously reported that Mrs. Will ~~Lowe~~, a sister of Mrs. Armenia at 125 Palm Street, frequently visited 125 Palm Street during the time that Grace Goldstein lived next door at 123 Palm Street. Mrs. Lowe was interviewed and she stated that she was married to Garland County Deputy Sheriff Will Lowe until about two weeks ago, when she received a divorce decree; that she visited her sister, Mrs. Sirfean ~~Armenia~~, at 125 Palm Street three or four times a week during the summer of 1935.

Mrs. Lowe signed the following written statement, the original of which is being made a part of the Little Rock Field Division files.

Hot Springs Ark.  
July 21, 1937.

I, Mrs Jennie ~~Lowe~~, make the following written statement to Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and H. A. Snow of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

My sister Mrs. Sirfean Armenia has lived at 125 Palm St. for many years. I remember that I would visit my sister two or three times a week about two years ago. About May or June 1935, while visiting my sister, she told me that some women had moved next door at about 123 Palm St. and that these women were running a disorderly house and people were coming and going there at all hours of the day and were causing a lot of disturbance at night and my sister did not like this because of her young children.

From a group of photographs I have selected the photograph of Grace Goldstein and identify it as a woman who was called Grace and who was one of the women who lived next door to my sister's house on Palm St. We could some-times hear the names of the girls called next door and I remember the names of Connie and Ginger.

My sister told me there wasn't any use of reporting the disorderly house next to hers, to the police because police officers were frequently calling at the place, which I later learned was operated by Grace Goldstein. I remember my sister pointed out to me a man at different times. He was a large man who visited Grace Goldstein's place and she told me it was Captain "Arch" Cooper. I would recognize him if I saw him again. Cecil Brock, who was then on the Hot Springs Police Department, visited Grace's place several times. I have seen Chief of Detectives "Dutch" Akers visit Grace's place several times. Sometimes the above officers would stay at Grace's house for only a few minutes, that is, for ten or fifteen minutes and at other times they would be in there for a half hour or more. I am not certain but I believe I have seen Cecil Brock arrest and bring a man out of Grace's house on one occasion, but I cannot remember ever seeing Akers or Cooper arrest or bring anyone out of Grace's place for causing a disturbance. I never heard any of these officers' conversation but from the way that Grace greeted them and the general friendly manner of Akers and the other officers I understood that these officers were making friendly visits to Grace. They certainly did not act the way in which my former husband, a deputy sheriff, would act when he got a call and answered it about some violation of law.

I remember seeing a couple of fellows who would go in and out of Grace's house sometimes by themselves and at other times they would have girls with them. These men would stay at Grace's place for some days and at other times they would be gone and my sister told me these men were gangsters and they would leave and be gone for two or three days at a time. They drove a black coupe, which I believe had out of state license plates and they generally parked this car in the rear of the house. From a group of photographs, I have selected the photograph of Alvin Karpis and state that the profile view of Karpis looks a great deal like one of the men who stayed at Grace's house. I remember that the two men would go and come in the car with Grace Goldstein and one of the other girls and they would be dressed in their bathing suits. At times they would carry their bathing suits with them.

I have read the above statement and I vouch that it is true.

(Signed) Mrs Jennie Lowe.

Witnesses

H. A. Snow

D. P. Sullivan

Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation,

U. S. Department of Justice

Little Rock, Ark.

Photographs of all members of the Karpis-Barker gang were shown to Mrs. Lowe but she was able to identify only those mentioned in her signed statement. She stated that when local police officers would visit Grace Goldstein's house and remain only for a few minutes, she believed they might be on official business and calling in response to some complaint, but when they remained at the house for a half hour or longer she naturally felt that their call was a social visit or a call made for the purpose of collecting protection money. Mrs. Lowe stated that she never saw any money passed from Grace Goldstein to any police officers and never heard any conversation pertaining to payoffs at Grace Goldstein's house; that she came to this conclusion from what she had heard during the time that she was married to her husband.

Mrs. Lowe stated that Mrs. Armenia felt very bad about Grace Goldstein operating a disorderly house next to her residence and she often mentioned that there would be little use to report the matter to the police in view of the fact that the police were frequent visitors at Grace's place and apparently visited there for purely social reasons; that Mrs. Armenia once told her that it appeared that Chief of Detectives Akers was keeping company with some one of the girl prostitutes employed by Grace Goldstein; that there was general disorder and disturbances caused by the inmates at 123 Palm Street almost nightly and it was obvious that a house of prostitution was being operated as men visitors called at 123 Palm Street day and night.

In a previous interview with Mrs. Roy Armenia of 125 Palm Street, who lived next door to Grace Goldstein when Grace lived at 123 Palm Street in 1935, it was learned that a man by the name of Earl Spencer lived in the house with Mrs. Armenia at that time; that he acted as caretaker for Mrs. Armenia in her absence, and that he could probably furnish valuable information to Agents pertinent to the present harboring investigation.

On July 23, 1937, Earl Spencer was called to the temporary office at 322 Thompson Building, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and was thoroughly interviewed by Agents H. A. Snow and B. M. Suttler. He furnished Agents with the following signed statement:

I, Frank Earl Spencer, do hereby make the following voluntary statement to H. A. Snow and B. M. Suttler knowing them to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

I have been living at #125 Palm Street for about eight years. I moved there in November, 1929. I recall that in the summer of 1935,



it seems to me that it was the month of June, 1935, a woman by the name of Grace Goldstein moved into the house next door to where I live, this was 123 Palm Street. The Goldstein woman as I recall it now had several other women with her at the time she moved there but I cannot say exactly how many were there. The way it attracted my attention there was the fact that usually there was a regular family there but this time there was four or five young women. I thought this was unusual. I will not say that I positively knew that the Goldstein woman was running a house of prostitution as I did not have any personal dealings in this house but I surmised that it was a house of prostitution from the things I saw and the things I heard talked about in the neighborhood in regards to this house. I recall that one of these girls was named "Ginger"; that another was named Jackie; one was called Connie; I think I heard them call one Ruth but I don't recall exactly what Ruth looked like. I recall that one of the girls was a favorite with the Goldstein woman but I do not recall which one it was.

These Agents have shown me a group of photographs and from these photographs I have selected the photographs of Grace Goldstein, Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter. I of course did not know these men by name at that time nor do I know them by name now. Agents have informed me of their names. I have also selected the photograph of a girl who resided there at that time and Agents have informed me that this girl is named Connie Morris. The man who is known as Alvin Karpis use to spend quite a bit of time around the house and he seemed to be very well satisfied with this place as a home, at least he acted like he was satisfied with it. The man called Fred Hunter did not seem to stay around the house as much as Karpis but I do recall seeing him over there a number of times.

I recall seeing a black Ford Coupe with out of State license plates on it parked out in front of 123 Palm Street, the man you say is Karpis was the man that I associate this car with as he is the one who drove it at that time. It had either Kentucky or Tennessee license plates on it at that time, I do not recall which. I sometimes noticed that this car was parked in the back yard but most of the time it was parked in front of the house on the Street. I have seen Grace Goldstein and this fellow Karpis go out together in this car several times but I do not recall now who would be driving the car. I also recall that Karpis and Grace drove out together sometimes in her green Chevrolet Coupe.

During the time that Grace Goldstein lived next door to me in the summer of 1935 I was working as caretaker for Mrs. Sirfean Armenia at the place I lived, 125 Palm Street. This gave me a good

opportunity to see most of the things that went on at 123 Palm Street in the daytime. Mrs. Armenia has some apartments at the rear of her house and during her absence I took care of these apartments for her. I do not know as much about what went on at night as I did in the daytime as I usually went to bed along about ten o'clock and my bed room was on the opposite side of the house from Grace Goldstein's house. I do recall seeing a lot of cars and taxis coming up to 123 Palm Street at night on different occasions. I also recall seeing a lot of cars and taxis coming up to 123 Palm Street at night on different occasions. I also recall that there was quite a bit of noise and disturbance at 123 Palm Street at various times and this worried Mrs. Armenia as she had roomers and it, the noise, disturbed their sleep.

I recall seeing Herbert "Dutch" Akers Chief of the Hot Springs Detectives, coming over to Grace Goldstein's house on an average of more than once each week during the entire time that Grace Goldstein lived next door. As I recall it now it seems to me that Akers would come on the first part of the week usually Monday and then besides this regular visit at the first of each week he usually came by there during the latter part of the week. Akers did not attempt to sneak into Grace Goldstein's house. He seemed to be very frank and bold about it. Most of the time "Dutch" would drive up and Grace would go out to his car and talk to him. As it was in the summer time and still daylight usually when he called, he did not have to blow his horn to attract the attention of the inmates of the house. They could see "Dutch" when he drove up as they usually kept the doors open at that time of the evening, about 7 o'clock. On some occasions I recall that very shortly after he had called at Grace Goldstein's house, Grace would get in her car and drive off. I do not know that she was following him but this happened several times. We all thought it was rather peculiar that Akers should be such close friends with Goldstein as he must have known what kind of house she ran. We felt that if he did not care to do anything about her running a house like that it was certainly not up to us to do anything. I recall on other occasions that immediately after "Dutch" had left Grace's house that she and Karpis would get into her car and drive off together. On these occasions the interval of time lapsing between the time "Dutch" Akers was at Grace's house and the time that she and Karpis would drive off together would be so close as to make one realize that Karpis was in the house at the time Akers would stop there.

I further recall that at sometimes this black Chevrolet belonging to Karpis would be gone for several days at a time.

On one particular occasion I recall that just as I came out of Mrs. Armenia's house "Dutch" Akers was just starting to move away from

in front of Grace's house and just as I got to the edge of the sidewalk he passed and waved his hand at me.

I recall on several occasions seeing Grace Goldstein and the girl known as Connie Morris washing Grace Goldstein's car in the back yard. They would usually wear their bathing suits when they were washing Grace's car.

Agent Suttler has read this statement to me consisting of five pages. It is given voluntarily on my part and it is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and I am willing to sign it as such.

SIGNED Frank Earl Spencer

WITNESSES

Henry A. Snow

B. M. Suttler

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Spencer further stated that he recalled the Cooper's beer truck driving up to Grace Goldstein's house two or three times each week to deliver beer and get empty cases. He recalls further that the Standard Ice Company and the Jones Ice Company are the two companies who maintain regular daily deliveries on this Street. He could not recall which of these companies called at Grace Goldstein's house at that time.

The following employees of the local Hot Springs Post Office were interviewed by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and H. A. Snow on July 20, 1937, in an effort to secure any information in their possession concerning Karpis and associates during the time that they resided at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Mr. C. C. Bandy, who is employed at present in the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Post Office as a clerk at the Parcel Post window, upon being interviewed stated that during 1936 he was employed as Rural Mail Carrier on Route #2; that this route extends out Malvern Highway for a distance of about ten miles to the County line; that the Woodcock home, which was raided by Bureau Agents and Post Office Inspectors, is located on the

route which he served, and that he recalls the time when the Woodcock family moved out of the house and other parties moved into it about February, 1936. Bandy stated that he made one delivery of mail each day, except Sundays and holidays, on the route, and that he usually reached the Woodcock house about 9:30 o'clock each morning; that after the Woodcock family moved out of the house he recalls that he often observed a dark colored Buick Coupe on the hill by the house, and that this automobile would sometimes come down the drive-way of the house after he had left mail in the mail box located on Malvern Highway; that this car often appeared to have been occupied by a man and a woman, and he sometimes noticed the car proceed towards Hot Springs after the occupants thereof had picked up any mail which he might have left in the rural mail box. He stated that he did not become acquainted with these people and at no time did he have any conversation with them or have occasion to observe them closely; that from their actions he is of the opinion that these parties would wait almost daily by the Woodcock house on the hill until he passed or stopped at their mail box, and then would come down in the Buick car and pick up any mail; that he is unable to recall any names appearing on mail deposited there during the period approximating one and one-half months immediately preceding the raid, but that the name "Connie" sounds familiar and may have been on some of the letters addressed to the place. Bandy stated further that all the mail deposited in the Woodcock mail box during the period in question bore the address "Camp Fairchild", which is the name by which the Woodcock house is known locally. When questioned as to the last day upon which he observed any activity about the house or automobiles parked in the driveway, Bandy stated that he is positive that he left a letter in the mail box on the last working day before the raid, which would have been Saturday, March 29, 1936, and that the same Buick Coupe drove down the hill on that day and picked up the letter, as if the occupants of the house had been awaiting his arrival. He stated that he definitely recalls this fact because on the day of the raid (Monday, March 31, 1936) he heard about the trouble at the house before he left town on his route, and that he recalled at that time that he had left a letter there on the last trip he had made. Bandy also stated that on the regular trip which he made on the day of the raid he also deposited a letter in the mail box, and that he noticed that this letter had been removed therefrom upon his returning towards Hot Springs. He said that he paid particular attention to the letter on that day, due to the raid, and wondered at the time as to whether he should not have returned it to the local Postmaster.

Bandy also advised Agents that he recalls a large Buick Sedan, maroon in color, which was sometimes parked by the Woodcock house. He did not recall ever having seen a large black dog at the place. When exhibited photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, Bandy was unable to positively identify any members thereof, stating that due to the elapsed

time and the fact that he did not closely observe the occupants of the Buick Coupe he cannot recall their facial characteristics. He stated, however, that the photograph of Karpis is familiar to him and believes that he has seen that man somewhere, but that he cannot definitely state that it was in the vicinity of the Woodcock house. He was not sure whether the same man and woman would always drive the Buick down the hill for the mail, or whether at times this car would be occupied by another couple. At times a woman would be driving and on other occasions a man would be behind the wheel. He did not see any colored employees about the place.

When questioned concerning his knowledge of Chief of Detectives "Dutch" Akers, Bandy stated that he is acquainted with Akers and that he passed Akers almost daily during the period February - March, 1936, on the Malvern while he, Bandy, would be proceeding out this road on his route and Akers would be coming towards Hot Springs. He did not see Akers ever come from the drive of the Woodcock house during this period, and presumed that Akers was coming in from his place on Lake Catherine, located approximately two miles past the Woodcock house. Bandy's opinion of Akers was the same as he stated is generally talked of locally - "that he will do anything for money". He stated that neither Akers nor anyone else has ever questioned him concerning the occupants of the Woodcock house.

Alva M. Campbell, City Carrier, Route #1 (formerly Route #9) upon being interviewed stated that he delivered mail on the route upon which the house occupied by Grace Goldstein during part of 1934 and 1935 was located, which was at 1338 South Central Avenue, and that he was well aware of the fact that Grace was operating a house of prostitution there during that period and up until the Sheriff raided the place for liquor sometime during the Spring or Summer of 1935. Campbell stated that there were numerous girls employed at the house operated by Grace during this period and recalled the names of a few of them as being "Connie" Morris, Greta Swanson and a girl whom he knew as Ruth. He was unable to state the names of any local residents whom he might have observed visiting the house, and stated that most of the visitors there appeared to be delivered via taxicabs. Campbell was unable to recall seeing a 1935 Model Ford Coupe parked in the driveway or near that house at anytime shortly prior to the time when Grace was forced to move therefrom. Campbell stated that he made two deliveries daily on his route and that he usually passed Grace Goldstein's house on South Central about 9:30 A. M. and 3:30 P. M. He stated that for a period of about two weeks prior to the time when Grace moved from her South Central Avenue address, he noticed two young men within the house when he had occasion to go to the door, and that these men appeared to him to be living there at that time, or at least having spent the night there, on occasions during

the two weeks period. Campbell was unable to identify the photographs of Karpis or Fred Hunter as being these two young men, stating that he did not observe them closely. He was unable to identify photographs of any members of the Karpis-Barker mob as ever having been observed by him. Campbell referred to Grace Goldstein as "Goldie".

Robert M. Powell, City Carrier #11, Residence 103 Cass Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, was interviewed. He stated that he delivered mail to 123 Palm Street during the summer of 1935. He recalled that for about a month or more Grace Goldstein apparently operated a house of prostitution at 123 Palm Street; that he recalled that one of the girls was named Connie and another was named Greta Swanson; that Grace Goldstein had a new Chevrolet Coupe and she and some of the girls at the house would go outside in their bathing suits and wash the car. Powell selected the photograph of Alvin Karpis from a group of photographs as the likeness of a young man he saw on several occasions at 123 Palm Street when it was occupied by Grace Goldstein. He stated that he never got a good look at Karpis close at hand as Karpis would be somewhere inside the house. Powell stated that he did not pay any particular attention to Karpis as there would frequently be men visitors at the house. Powell was unable to identify the photograph of Fred Hunter.

Powell stated that he was acquainted with most of the Hot Springs Police Officers but he could not recall seeing any of them at 123 Palm Street, nor could he recall ever having seen any police cars parked in front of 123 Palm Street when Grace Goldstein lived there. He stated that Mrs. Armenia, who lives next door at 125 Palm Street, frequently complained of the disturbances which Grace Goldstein and her girls caused at night. On one occasion Mrs. Armenia told him that shots were fired at night by some person or persons at 123 Palm Street. He stated that Mrs. Armenia's sister was then married to Deputy Sheriff William Lowe; that Lowe mistreated his wife and she often came to Mrs. Armenia's house to stay; that Mrs. Lowe is presently separated from her husband and is living at a house at about 311 Archer Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Powell was thoroughly questioned but he had no further information of value to instant investigation, except that he believed that Lieutenant Cecil Brock and his wife lived almost directly across from 123 Palm Street at 124 Palm Street at the time that Grace Goldstein lived at 123 Palm Street. He stated that it is possible that Brock had moved just before the time that Grace Goldstein moved into the Palm Street address but the exact date that Brock lived at 124 Palm Street could probably be obtained from Mr. Owen Poe, the owner. Powell also stated that he believed that the iceman for the Jones Ice Company delivered ice to 123 Palm Street when Grace Goldstein lived there.

William T. ~~Smith~~, City Carrier, who delivered mail to the Hatterie Hotel during the years of 1935 and 1936, was interviewed and he stated that he was acquainted with Grace Goldstein, who he met on different occasions at the Hatterie Hotel in the delivery of the mail; that the mail addressed to persons at the Hatterie Hotel was placed in a box near the front door and at the bottom of the steps which lead up to the hotel; that when he had registered mail or when there was some question as to whether a certain person to whom mail was addressed was actually residing there, he would go up and inquire from someone in the hotel. From a group of photographs he selected the photograph of Alvin Karpis and stated that he had seen this man at the Hatterie Hotel; that he recalls that Grace Goldstein moved into the Hatterie Hotel about two years ago and he remembers that Federal Agents raided a house on Lake Catherine last Spring; that he cannot recall exactly when he saw Karpis at the Hatterie Hotel, but it was sometime between the above dates and he believes it was some months before the raid. Smith stated that he may have seen Karpis on two occasions at the Hatterie Hotel, but he distinctly recalls one occasion when he had either a registered letter or some inquiry to make and he went upstairs and rang the doorbell for quite some time but got no answer, but finally Karpis came out of Grace Goldstein's room to answer the bell and took care of Smith's inquiry; that Karpis was dressed in pajamas and gave every evidence of a person who had just awakened; that Grace Goldstein was not in her room that morning that he could see. Smith stated that around that time he saw Grace Goldstein riding in a Hudson Coupe along Central Avenue on more than one occasion, and a young man who looked like Karpis was driving the car, but he cannot positively state that it was Karpis as he did not get a good look at the man with Grace; that on one occasion he saw Grace Goldstein riding with a man who looked like the man he had seen at the Hatterie Hotel, in the Hudson Coupe at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Ouachita Avenue. Smith could not positively state that this man with Grace Goldstein was Alvin Karpis.

Smith could not recall ever having seen Karpis riding with Grace Goldstein in her green Buick Coupe, nor could he remember delivering mail to an Ed Parker, Harold King or Ed Woods, aliases of Karpis and Hunter, at the Hatterie Hotel. Smith could not recall any happenings at the Hatterie Hotel around the Woodcock raid, nor could he remember seeing any police officers at this place during or after the time that Karpis is known to have kept company with Grace Goldstein. Smith was unable to identify the photograph of Fred Hunter as the likeness of any person he had ever seen.

Walter S. ~~Huddleston~~, Rural Carrier, who delivers mail along Rural Route #1 on Highway #7, was interviewed for information concerning



the residence of Karpis with Hunter and Grace Goldstein at Milan's Landing and Dyer's Landing in the Summer of 1935. Huddleston was shown photographs of all members of the Karpis-Barker gang, which he was unable to identify. He stated that the mailbox for Dyer's Landing was located on the highway and he had no occasion to ever go down to Dyer's Landing and, therefore, had no information about the persons who may have lived at that place. He could not recall seeing Karpis or Hunter at Milan's Landing or at Wilson's tavern, and had no information concerning the residence of Karpis and Hunter at Lake Hamilton.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. A. Snow and D. P. Sullivan on July 19, 1937:

Agents interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Lou Spencer, 139 Franklin Avenue. This couple was thoroughly questioned but they denied having any information of particular interest to this investigation. They stated that they lived at 125 Palm Street from the early Spring of 1935 to about August of the same year. They recalled that Grace Goldstein and several girls moved into 123 Palm Street a couple of months after they moved next door and they remembered that Grace Goldstein did not live at 123 Palm Street for more than a short while and finally moved because neighbors, particularly Mrs. George Gabriel, complained of the Goldstein woman operating a house of prostitution in the neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer were shown photographs of Alvin Karpis and of other members of the same gang, but this couple was only able to identify the photograph of Grace Goldstein as having been seen by them before and they indicated that the photographs of Connie Morris looked somewhat familiar as being one of the girls who worked for Grace Goldstein at 123 Palm Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer stated that they could not recall seeing any Police Officers at 123 Palm Street while Grace Goldstein lived there. Mr. Spencer informed Agents that he has a recollection of having seen an open Buick touring car, which was used by the Hot Springs Police Department, parked in front of 123 Palm Street, but he is not certain of this and could not swear to same for a certainty, and he could not recall any Police Officers entering or leaving the house at 123 Palm Street. Both Mr. and Mrs. Spencer are acquainted with Chief of Detectives Akers by sight, but they could not remember ever having seen him at 123 Palm Street. They stated that they lived in a rear apartment on the opposite side of the house which adjoined 123 Palm Street and, therefore, did not have a view of 123 Palm Street or of such persons who visited Grace Goldstein's place and could not notice such cars as were parked in front of it, unless they went around in front of their house.

Mrs. Spencer stated that Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mullins lived in the rear apartment at 125 Palm Street when Grace Goldstein lived next door. The Mullins apartment was directly opposite the side of Grace Goldstein's place and a view could be had from the Mullins' apartment into Grace's place; that Mrs. Mullins had two sons, one about five years of age and one about fourteen years of age, and she often complained to Mrs. Spencer that Grace Goldstein would not pull down the blinds in her house and she and her husband and sons were forced to see the various prostitutes employed by Grace Goldstein walking around nude; that Mrs. Mullins also said something about it was useless to report this matter to the local police, as various police officers would visit Grace's place and therefore they knew what was going on. Mrs. Spencer stated that Mrs. Mullins and Mrs. Armenia frequently talked together about the various happenings next door at 123 Palm Street and would sit on their front porch and watch the various persons who came and went at 123 Palm Street. For the above reasons, Mrs. Spencer expressed the opinion that Mrs. Mullins undoubtedly had a great deal of information as to what went on at 123 Palm Street. Mrs. Spencer stated that she recently received a letter from Mrs. Mullins, who was then living at 205 Edwards Street, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Mrs. Spencer further stated that Walter Welch frequently visited Mrs. Mullins and her family at 125 Palm Street and would spend all day with the Mullins family on Sunday; that Mrs. Mullins and Welch often talked about what went on at Grace Goldstein's place, next door. Mrs. Spencer stated that further information concerning Welch could probably be obtained from the records of the now defunct Federal Transient Bureau, the records of which are now located at Camp Garrity.

Mrs. Spencer further advised that Mrs. Mullins once told her that Dr. A. C. Prichard, who has offices at 362½ Central Avenue, visited Grace Goldstein's house ostensibly for social reasons rather than on business. She stated that Carl Rasp and his wife, Opal, lived at Mrs. Armenia's house when Grace Goldstein operated at 123 Palm Street; that Mrs. Rasp frequently visited Mrs. Mullins and she undoubtedly had information concerning the various happenings at Grace's place. Mrs. Spencer stated that Mr. and Mrs. Rasp come from somewhere in Oklahoma.

Through the cooperation of Dr. E. W. Norris of the Public Health Clinic, the records were checked and it was learned that the following individuals who resided at 125 Palm Street had been treated at this clinic and the following information pertaining to these persons was obtained from the clinic records:

Carl Rasp was treated from December 21, 1934, to June 6, 1935. Residence given on date of entrance, 510 Tyron Street, Kingfisher, Oklahoma. Father - Albert Rasp, 510 Tyron Street, Kingfisher, Oklahoma. Last employed at Bob White Milling Company, Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

Jack Hawkins was treated from April 30, 1934, to just a few days later. Residence - R.F.D. #1, Kilgore, Texas. Case possibly referred to Levi Hospital Clinic.

Alfred "Pete" Morrison was treated from May 1, 1935, to April 21, 1936. Residence given on date of entrance, 813 $\frac{1}{2}$  Reno Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Father - Tigue Morrison, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; brother - Shirley Morrison, Stockyards Station, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Last employed at Armour Packing Company, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as a laborer.

Walter Welch was treated from July 9, 1934, to December 5, 1934. Residence given on date of entrance as 209 Northeast 12th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Father - Walter K. Welch, who lives on a farm three miles south of Granite, Oklahoma. References - J. H. York, 315 West 2nd Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; John Seick, 209 Northeast 12th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Dr. Norris stated that Welch was employed by Giles Gibbs on a PWA project after he completed his treatments at the clinic; that Gibbs was presently operating a watch repair business in the Arkansas National Bank Building.

Opal Rasp, wife of Carl Rasp, was treated at the Public Health Clinic during the same period as her husband. Father - I. A. Lockenbell or Luckinbill, 624 N. Pitcher Street, Pitcher, Oklahoma. Mrs. Rasp's address on date of registration as Kingfisher, Oklahoma, 12 blocks south of the Post Office, which is the address of her husband at 510 S. Tyron Street.

Investigation was shown that Fred Hunter was treated at the Public Health Clinic in 1930, before he first visited Dr. Paul Z. Browne, who was also retained as a physician at the clinic while maintaining a private practice in a local office building. The following record of Fred Hunter was located by Dr. Norris. It disclosed that Fred John Hunter, P. O. Box 395, Leavittsburg, Ohio, registered at the clinic for treatment on March 5, 1930, at which time he gave his local Hot Springs address as 118 $\frac{1}{2}$  Central Avenue. The medical examination disclosed that

Hunter was suffering from chronic gonorrhea. He was treated at the clinic until May 7, 1930. There was also a notation that Hunter was referred to the Levi Memorial Hospital at which time he was suffering from quinsy. The following personal history also appeared on Hunter's card: Born April 18, 1899. Father - George Hunter, Post Office Box 395, Leavittsburg, Ohio. Mother - Helen Hunter, deceased. Previous employment - Youngstown Press Steel Company, Warren, Ohio, as a welder with wages indicated as \$25.00 per week.

Agents interviewed Mr. Giles Gibbs, Arkansas National Bank Building, and he stated that he last heard from Walter Aubrey Welch on November 6, 1936, at which time Welch was residing at 515 North 2nd Street, Phoenix, Arizona, and was employed as a bookkeeper for a man who operated two or three liquor stores in Phoenix. Gibbs just recently received a letter from the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company at San Francisco, California, inquiring of Walter Welch of Phoenix, Arizona.

In an effort to develop any possible source of information concerning the occupants and visitors of the house of prostitution operated by Grace Goldstein at 123 Palm Street during the latter half of May and all of the month of June, 1935, it was deemed advisable to contact the ice delivery men for the various ice companies who served the Palm Street address of the Goldstein woman during the above mentioned period.

Through inquiry at the Home Ice Company, 200 Albert Pike, it was ascertained that the truck driver who handled the route which included Palm Street during the Summer of 1935 is named Gary Johnson, and that he still handles the ice route upon which Palm Street is located.

Upon being interviewed by Special Agents Suttler and Snow, Gary Johnson stated that he has delivered ice on the route which includes Palm Street for several years; that he had a few customers on this street during the Summer of 1935, but that Grace Goldstein was not one of his customers, and that he did not know her during that period. Johnson stated that he was aware of the fact that a house of prostitution was being operated on Palm Street sometime during the Summer of that year, but that he never went into that house for ice delivery purposes or otherwise. He did not know of Grace Goldstein until after Karpis had been apprehended and the resulting newspaper publicity which linked his name with that of the Goldstein woman.

MATT DAVIS, ice driver for Jones Ice Company, who delivered ice to Grace Goldstein at the time she lived at 123 Palm Street, was interviewed on July 26 by Agents H. A. Snow and B. M. Suttler at his home, 515 Grand Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas. He recalled Grace Goldstein and her house of prostitution very vividly. He talked at random to Agents Snow and Suttler and admitted that he had seen Chief of Detectives Herbert "Dutch" Akers around 123 Palm Street many times during the time Grace lived there. He recalled seeing Karpis, Hunter and Connie Morris there. He identified them by photograph. After he finished talking, Agents asked him if he would sign a statement of what he had just informed Agents and he stated that he would. Agents composed a statement on the night of July 26, 1937, and presented it to Davis on the following day, July 27, 1937. He refused to sign it. He stated that he had thought it over since the day before and had decided that it would be better for him not to sign anything; that he had been working in Hot Springs for twenty-four years; that he was now fifty-two years old and was afraid that if he signed anything and it got back to the City Administration he would be "run out of town" and "if they run me out of town and I lose my ice route I don't know what would become of me at my age."

Davis stated he had heard a lot of things went on in this town and he was just afraid to put his name on anything that might later cause him trouble. Agent read the statement to him and he said it was all right but he did not feel like signing it. He only made one correction to the statement at the time Agent read it to him and that was the name of his helper. He told Agent to change the name from Jimmy Duggan to Ralph Dodd. This error was corrected by Agent. The statement obtained from Matt Davis is as follows:

I, Matt Davis, make the following voluntary statement to H. A. Snow and B. M. Suttler knowing them to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

For the past twenty-four years I have delivered ice on Palm Street in the City of Hot Springs, Arkansas. I recall very well the time that a woman by the name of Grace Goldstein conducted an illegal house at 123 Palm Street. It was the summer of 1935 as I recall it now. She must have lived there for about six weeks. I delivered ice to her house most every morning during this period between the hour of 10:00 A. M. to 10:15 A. M. At the time I was delivering ice to the Goldstein woman I recall that many times I would see two men in the kitchen having breakfast at the time I called to put ice in the box. From a group of photographs shown to me by these Agents I have selected the photographs of the two men that I saw

at 123 Palm Street during the summer of 1935. Agents have informed me that these two men are Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter. As I recall it now Karpis went with Grace Goldstein and the one they called Connie, whose photograph I have identified, went with Hunter. I saw these four together many mornings in the kitchen having breakfast at the time I put the ice in. On some occasions Karpis would be in the kitchen by himself and when I would come in he would go toward the front of the house. Neither Karpis nor Hunter ever spoke to me that I can remember.

I recall further that I saw Chief of Hot Springs Detectives, Herbert "Dutch" Akers around 123 Palm Street oftentimes during the time Grace Goldstein lived there. I recall several times seeing him park his car or sitting in his car either in front of the Goldstein house or just up the street from it a few feet. On other occasions I have seen him turning into Palm Street from Benton Street just as I made the turn and he has waved at me on several occasions in that neighborhood. I will not state positively that I have seen "Dutch" Akers in Grace Goldstein's house but I have seen him very close by on many occasions and presumed that he was going there as there was no other place in that neighborhood that he could have been going, that I know of. Another reason that I made this presumption was that it was only during the time that Grace Goldstein lived at 123 Palm Street that I saw "Dutch" Akers in that neighborhood so often, naturally I thought he must have been going there for one reason or another.

Agents have shown me numerous photographs and from them I have selected three photographs of other men whom I believe were either in and out of 123 Palm Street during this period or were in the immediate vicinity. Agents inform me that the names of the men I have selected are, Milton Lett, and Harry Campbell. The reason I recall so clearly seeing this fellow Campbell is that there is a man in Hot Springs, Arkansas by the name of "Eddie" who looks "exactly like" Campbell and the first time I recall seeing Campbell coming out of 123 Palm Street I thought then that it was the fellow I know here as Eddie.

I recall further that this man known as Karpis was very quiet and had a very sour sort of disposition. In all the time I saw him and Hunter I can truthfully say that neither of them ever spoke one word to me. I recall that he drove a black Chevrolet Coupe but I cannot recall the kind of license plates it carried. I have seen Karpis get into this car and drive off on many occasions, he always gave it the gun when he drove off and gave it the gun when he came in. My helper, named Ralph Dodd, and I often discussed the way this man Karpis drove away in such a hurry in his Ford.



I recall that the man you call Hunter had something wrong with his speech, when he talked he seemed to hesitate or stutter. He never did talk to me but I have heard him talking to others in the kitchen at the time I was putting ice in the box. I also recall that I saw a big black dog on several occasions when I went there and several times I had them call the dog inside to keep it from biting me. It was a very large black dog.

As to the girls that stayed there at that time I can only recall the names of Connie, Ruth, Ginger, Grace and Greta. There might have been one there by the name of Patsy but I am not positive of this.

This statement consisting of three pages has been read back to me by Agent Suttler and has been read by me. It is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and I will sign it as being the truth.

SIGNED

(Refused to sign)

WITNESSES B. M. Suttler

Special Agents,  
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PETE RATLIFF (Christened James Edward <sup>X</sup>Ratliff), former taxi driver for the Yellow Cab Company during 1935- 36, was interviewed on January 23, 1937, by Special Agents H. A. Snow and B. M. Suttler. It was learned in a previous interview with Ercell Brock that Ratliff worked for the Yellow Cab Company during March, 1936, and that Kansas State Trooper Joe Anderson had talked to Ratliff about Hunter and Grace immediately after the Woodcock raid on March 30, 1936.

Ratliff stated that he recalls talking to both Post Office Inspector Haynes and Joe Anderson last year; that as he recalls it now he talked to Anderson on the night of the day that Karpis was captured, or it might have been the night of the day that the Woodcock place was raided. He could not recall which it was.

From a group of photographs Ratliff selected the following as being persons he had known or seen in Hot Springs, Arkansas; Verne Miller, Connie Morris, Fred Hunter, Herbert Farmer and Grace Goldstein.

Ratliff states that the first time he saw Hunter was when Hunter and Connie Morris were walking one day down by Bath House Row; that after that he saw them together frequently walking on the same sidewalk, and that he asked Connie one day who her boy friend was; that she told him he was a night club operator from Ohio.

Ratliff states that while Joe Anderson was in Hot Springs he stayed at the Goddard and Pullman Hotels and that he talked to him at both of these places, but was unable to identify Karpis at that time and is still unable to state that he has ever seen Karpis with Grace Goldstein. He recalls that on the night Karpis was captured in New Orleans he picked up "Ginger" on a call from Jim and George's Cafe and that she informed him that they had captured Karpis, Hunter and Connie Morris in New Orleans.

Ratliff further stated that at the time Hunter was going with Connie Morris he thinks Erzell Brock was "crazy about her" and was jealous of Connie going with Hunter; that as he understood it, Brock saw a photograph of Hunter in a detective story magazine and told another Yellow Cab driver by the name of Jefferies; that Jefferies was a good friend of Joe Anderson and when Anderson came down to Hot Springs to investigate with the Post Office Inspectors, Jefferies informed Anderson of what Brock had told him in regards to Hunter.

Ratliff stated that as far as he knows now Connie is up East, either in Philadelphia or New York; that the last time he talked to her during the 1937 racing season, she told him she was going with some rich manufacturer who stayed at the Arlington Hotel, and that she intended going back East with him.

Ratliff stated further that he recalls when Grace Goldstein was living on Broadway several years ago that she and Joe Wakelin, then Chief of Police in Hot Springs, were going together, or at least he presumed they were, as he saw them together frequently in those days.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and H. A. Snow at Hot Springs, Arkansas, on July 21, 1937:

Agents interviewed Mrs. William A. Anderson, who operates a clothing repair shop and cleaning establishment with her husband at 212 Central Avenue. The firm is known as the American Cleaners and Dyers and is located in the immediate vicinity of the Hatterie Hotel on the opposite side of the street. Mrs. Anderson stated that soon after Grace moved into

the Hatterie Hotel in the Summer of 1935, she began doing sewing work for the Goldstein woman and has continued to work for her and the girls employed by her as prostitutes, since that time. She was able to recall the names of the following prostitutes who have been employed by Grace Goldstein at the Hatterie Hotel since 1935, and stated that she has done dress repairing and other sewing work for most of them: - Connie, Ginger, Greta, Mary, Ann, Jerry, Pauline, Jackie, Dorothy, Pat and Jean. Mrs. Anderson very seldom was acquainted with the last names of the girls and any dresses upon which she had done work were usually marked with the girl's first name only and delivered by herself personally to the Hatterie Hotel.

From a group of photographs exhibited to her, Mrs. Anderson selected the photograph of Alvin Karpis as resembling a man whom she had seen at the Hatterie Hotel on approximately two different occasions when she called there to pick up or deliver dresses. She stated that she recalls passing this man one time on the steps leading up to the Hatterie Hotel, and on another occasion Karpis was sitting in the living room of the hotel reading a newspaper.

Mrs. Anderson stated also that it is possible that she has seen Karpis on several other occasions, as she recalls that Grace Goldstein often drove by her place in an automobile in which a man would be riding, but that his face would usually be turned towards Grace and away from the street. She was able to identify the photograph of Fred Hunter as being the likeness of a man whom she observed in the hallway of the Hatterie Hotel on one occasion when she took a dress there, and stated that Hunter was just walking into the room occupied by Connie Morris; that Connie had called Hunter to come into her room on that occasion and Hunter looked back at her as she was walking towards one of the other rooms. She did not recall ever having seen either Karpis or Hunter in Grace's room, and stated that the room occupied by Grace was always in very good order at the times when she (Grace) would call for her to fit a dress. It was Mrs. Anderson's recollection that it was sometime during the winter of 1935 -36 when she saw Karpis and Hunter at the Hatterie Hotel, but that she never saw them together to her knowledge on her visits there, although frequently she could hear men's voices in various rooms at the hotel who might have been them and she not have known it.

When questioned as to whether she had ever done any tailoring work or cleaning and pressing for the men whom she identified from photographs as being Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter, Mrs. Anderson stated that they personally never visited her shop but that on one occasion she recalls that the negro maid at the Hatterie Hotel brought over a brown suit

to be cleaned and pressed. No name was given as to the owner of the suit at that time and she merely listed the ticket as "Hatterie Hotel", and that same was destroyed when she returned the suit to Grace Goldstein and received her money.

Mrs. Anderson stated that during conversations with Grace Goldstein during the latter part of the Summer of 1935, or early Fall of that year, Grace often mentioned to her that she had a rich "boy friend" from the East who was living in Hot Springs and who had set her up in business at the Hatterie Hotel by purchasing the furniture, etc. for her and enabled her to secure possession of that place; that she did not see the man referred to by Grace as being her "boy friend" (Karpis) until a few months later, which would have been in the Winter of 1935-36, as mentioned in preceding paragraphs; that she doesn't recall seeing Karpis wearing glasses at any time, and that he was without them on the two occasions which she recalls seeing him; that during the Winter of 1935-36 Grace often talked about how much money her "boy friend" had, and she recalls that shortly after Christmas of 1935, or about that time, Grace showed her a new Gruen Wrist Watch and a new diamond ring which she said had been given to her by her "boy friend" for a Christmas present. Mrs. Anderson recalled that Grace mentioned the name of her "boy friend" as being "Ed". She does not recall the name Harold King, used by Hunter about this time. On one occasion during 1935-36 Grace showed Mrs. Anderson a photograph of a large black dog, which she said had been taken at her place on "the lake" where she was living part of the time. Grace did not mention the name of the lake. During this period also Grace often left dresses for altering, etc., and requested that Mrs. Anderson perform the work on them as quickly as possible, stating that she was going out of town. Mrs. Anderson recalls that Grace was continually packing and unpacking her suitcase on different occasions, as though she had been somewhere or was just leaving. On one occasion during the Fall of 1935 Grace informed Mrs. Anderson that she had just returned from the prizefight held in New York City.

Mrs. Anderson stated that during this time she knew also that the prostitute Connie had a "boy friend" with a lot of money, but that Connie did not mention his name to her as far as she can remember. She stated that Connie was always reticent about talking to her and never talked about her "boy friend" as Grace did; that Connie ran up a rather large bill with her for dress-making which she refused to pay, and that on one occasion during the latter part of November, or early in December, 1935, she went to the Hatterie Hotel in an effort to locate Connie in order to get her money and was told by the other girls there that Connie had left the preceding night with her "boy friend" (Hunter) for San Antonio, Texas, and that she does not recall seeing Connie again for a period of about two months; that during this time she made numerous complaints to the local

Hot Springs Police Department in an effort to have Connie located, or at least to ascertain whether she was in town, but that nothing was ever done for her in this respect by the police. She talked to Herbert (Dutch) Akers, Chief of Detectives, Cecil Brock, Lieutenant, and "Bob" Moore, Night Captain, in an effort to have Connie located. She also ascertained that none of these officers ever called or came by the Hatterie Hotel in an effort to locate Connie for her.

Regarding the large, black, Great Dane dog, Mrs. Anderson stated that she first noticed it at the Hatterie Hotel sometime in the latter part of the Summer of 1935, at which time Grace told her that it was an imported dog and that it had been sent to her by her "boy friend" from Maine. Grace stated at that time that the dog was born in May or June of that year and it was still a puppy when she, Mrs. Anderson, first observed it.

When questioned as to her knowledge of Grace Goldstein's association with former Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin in a social way, Mrs. Anderson stated that she had known nothing about this until only about one week previous to Agents' present interview with her. She stated that while she was visiting Grace recently and fitting a dress, the telephone at the Hatterie Hotel rang and Grace answered. During the conversation she noticed that a considerable pause took place in the conversation. She questioned Grace about this and Grace replied that she had been talking to her "boy friend", and that his wife had picked up an extension telephone at his house, which caused him to cease talking until his wife hung up the extension; that she asked Grace who her "boy friend" was and Grace replied that he was Joe Wakelin. Mrs. Anderson also stated that Grace had previously shown her a nice electric toaster which she had received as a Christmas gift at Christmas of 1936, and at that time Grace had told her that she received this gift from her "boy friend". At the time of the telephone incident Mrs. Anderson then asked Grace if Joe Wakelin was the "boy friend" who had given her the electric toaster, and Grace replied that he was the one.

Mrs. Anderson was questioned as to whether she had ever seen Wakelin, Akers or any of the local Police Department members at the Hatterie Hotel on the occasion of her visits there, but she denied that she had ever seen any of them there, stating that everything always appeared to be in good order at the times when she was summoned to come over for dress-making and fittings.

Concerning the prostitute Dorothy, whom Mrs. Anderson stated was an inmate of the house of prostitution operated by Grace Goldstein

at the Hatterie Hotel, Agents were advised by Mrs. Anderson that Grace had recently (two weeks ago) told her that Dorothy is now in a hospital at Dallas, Texas, where she is suffering from something similar to cancer. She does not know the last name of Dorothy, nor did Grace tell her the name of the hospital where that girl is receiving treatment.

In a previous interview with Ercell Brock, former taxi driver in Hot Springs, Arkansas, he informed Agents that the first time he saw Joe Anderson was about two weeks before the Woodcock raid; that Post Office Inspector Haynes told him to get a picture of Connie Morris and bring it up to the Howe Hotel on the following day; that he did this and it was at this time that he met Anderson. It was Brock's impression that Anderson and Haynes were at that time staying at the Howe Hotel on the second floor.

On July 23, 1937, Agent B. M. Suttler contacted T. F. Houston, Manager of the Howe Hotel, and together they checked the register of guests for the month of March, 1936. The register reflects that J. W. Anderson stayed at the Howe Hotel only one day during that period under his own name and that was the night of March 30 and the day of March 31, 1936. Anderson occupied room #218 at that time. Post Office Inspector W. W. Haynes checked into the Howe Hotel on March 17, 1936, and checked out on March 22, 1936. He occupied room #611 at that time. Mr. Haynes again checked into the Hotel on March 24, 1936, and checked out again on March 29, 1936; this time he occupied room #402. There is no indication on the Hotel records to show that either of these men occupied a room on the second floor around March 15, 1936, as Brock had stated.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents John L. Madala and B. M. Suttler on July 19, 1937:

It will be recalled that Clayton Bell purchased a 1936 Model Buick Sedan for Alvin Karpis from the Creason Buick-Pontiac Company, Hot Springs, Arkansas, on January 25, 1936; that the car was purchased in the name of C. C. Sullivan but was registered by this automobile company at Little Rock, Arkansas, in the name of N. O. Bell. On July 19, 1937, Agents called at the Creason Buick-Pontiac Company, 325 Market Street, Hot Springs, and interviewed Mr. G. W. Creason, owner of the company. He distinctly recalled the sale of instant Buick car to a man named Bell. In this connection he advised that Bell was brought to the salesroom by Grace Goldstein, who a few months previous had purchased a Buick Coupe from him; that Grace introduced Bell as a good friend of hers and advised that he was in the market for a 1936 Model Buick Sedan. Mr. Creason advised that he believed that this contact was had on January 22, 1936, three days



before the actual sale of the car. He advised that after Grace Goldstein introduced Bell to him, the latter thereafter made all of the negotiations for the automobile; that it was his understanding that Bell resided at the Majestic Hotel during the period of these negotiations. He advised that on one occasion when he and Bell were discussing the price of the car, Bell told him that he would have to talk the same over with his brother. Mr. Creason added that since it has been developed that this car was purchased for Alvin Karpis, he is now of the opinion that Bell was referring to Alvin Karpis on the above occasion.

Continuing Mr. Creason advised that Bell at first wanted to purchase a black Buick Sedan, but that he did not have one in stock; that he thereupon called his distributor at Memphis, Tennessee, and inquired whether they had such a car on hand; that they did not, whereupon Bell agreed to purchase a dark maroon colored sedan. Mr. Creason advised that he went to Memphis, Tennessee, on the morning of January 25, 1936, took delivery on the car and on his return trip he stopped at Little Rock, Arkansas, and purchased a set of license tags for the car in the name of N. O. Bell. When asked to explain this, Mr. Creason advised that Bell wanted the car and license tags immediately, and that inasmuch as the tags would have had to be mailed if the car had been registered in Hot Springs, he did Bell the favor by purchasing and obtaining the tags immediately at the Capitol in Little Rock, Arkansas. He advised that the reason he registered the car in the name of N. O. Bell was because he thought all along that the man with whom he was negotiating was named Bell. Mr. Creason was of the opinion that he gave the address of his company on the application for registration of Bell's car.

Continuing Mr. Creason advised that when he executed the bill of sale, Bell told him to make it out in the name of C. O. Sullivan, San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Creason admitted that this was somewhat irregular but advised that he did not question Bell in regard to this discrepancy in names, stating that that was none of his business; that Bell paid for the car in cash, and that was all that concerned him.

Mr. Creason further stated that after Bell took delivery on the car, he returned with the same approximately two weeks later for a 1,500 mile inspection; that at that time the car had been driven around 3000 or 4000 miles, which he thought was unusually high mileage for that short length of time; that he did not question Bell about this, nor did Bell volunteer that the car had been on a long trip. Mr. Creason continued that Bell again brought the Buick to the garage approximately a month later, and that at this time the mileage on the car was around 7000 or 8000 miles. This date apparently is in error, as it has been definitely

determined that Bell or C. O. Sullivan is identical with Clayton Hall, and that Hall left Hot Springs for Ohio on February 18, 1936. Agents asked Mr. Creason whether he possessed any records reflecting the time and the service performed on the car on the above two occasions, and he advised that he does not; that at that time the company did not retain duplicate receipts of the work done, and that the original copy was turned over to the customer when he paid for the service.

Mr. Creason emphatically stated that he did not know that this Buick Sedan was purchased for Alvin Karpis until after the raid on the Woodcock home and when he was questioned by "Dutch" Akers and some Government men concerning the car. He denied that Akers ever questioned him about Karpis or this car prior to the raid, and also denied that anybody approached him either before or subsequent to the raid relative to buying the car back. He advised that if Raymond Clinton was approached in this regard, he did not know anything about it. Mr. Creason also denied that Grace Goldstein attempted to borrow a car from him after she wrecked her Buick on the morning of March 31, 1936, and also denied that she brought the aforementioned maroon colored Buick Sedan to his garage shortly prior to the time she left it at the Market Street Garage for service on March 25, 1936.

Mr. Creason did not appear to be very cooperative in this matter and frequently made the expression that he would not hesitate to sell gangsters automobiles if they "threw the money on the line". He indicated that gangsters heretofore have been his best and most satisfied customers.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents John L. Madala and B. M. Suttler on July 19, 1937:

Since the beginning of this investigation it has been frequently stated that Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter stayed at the Marquette Hotel when they first came to Hot Springs in May of 1935. It has also been stated, this information being provided by Grace Goldstein, that when Fred Hunter visited Hot Springs in October of 1935, he likewise stopped at the Marquette Hotel.

Agents interviewed Ernest Smith, Day Clerk at the Marquette Hotel, on July 19, 1937, and he advised that he does not know from his own personal knowledge that Alvin Karpis ever stayed at the Marquette Hotel. He was shown photographs of Karpis and Fred Hunter, which he failed to identify. Smith produced for Agents' examination the hotel's arrival and departure book, and the same was checked against all of the known aliases of Karpis and Fred Hunter for the years 1935 and 1936, with negative results.

Smith related that shortly after Alvin Karpis was apprehended in New Orleans and when his photograph appeared in the local newspapers, Leroy Hayes, who was then a bell-hop in the hotel, advised him that he recognized the photograph of Karpis as a man who lived in Room 202 in the hotel a year or two previously. In this connection Hayes stated that the man whom he identified as Karpis was very liberal with his tips, did quite a bit of drinking and was in contact with Grace Goldstein; that in fact, he saw Grace Goldstein in his room on one or two occasions. Mr. Smith informed Agents that Hayes appeared to be very positive in his identification of Karpis; that Hayes is no longer employed at the Marquette Hotel, and that he recently heard that Hayes is now living in Monroe, Louisiana. He advised that he does not know how Hayes could be located in Monroe, Louisiana, but stated that he believed that he could get this information from one of the other bell-hops in the hotel, which he promised to do. Mr. Smith should be contacted again in the near future and this information obtained from him.

On July 19, 1937, Agents interviewed Mr. George W. Thomas, Manager of the Marquette Hotel, but he had no information of value to this investigation. He denied any knowledge to the effect that Karpis and Fred Hunter ever resided at the Marquette Hotel. Mr. Thomas produced for Agents' examination the registration cards of the hotel for the years 1935 and 1936, and a search of these cards resulted in the finding of a registration in the name of Harold King of Cleveland, Ohio, which is the known alias used by Fred Hunter in Hot Springs. The card disclosed that Hunter, as Harold King, checked into the Marquette Hotel on October 25, 1935, and checked out on October 26, 1935; that he was assigned room 202 at a rate of \$2.00 for the night. The card showed that he made one local telephone call; that he sent no telegrams nor made any long distance calls. Mr. Thomas permitted Agents to retain the registration card of Harold King and the same is being placed in the files of the Little Rock Field Division for future evidential value.

Mr. Thomas advised that the records of telephone calls from the hotel for the year 1935 have been destroyed by him recently and, therefore, are not available.

It was noted that all of the registration cards for the months of March, April, May and June, 1935, were missing from the storeroom, and since Agents desired to check the registrations for the months of April and May, 1935, Mr. Thomas promised to make a further search for these records and make them available when Agents next come to the hotel, which will be in a few days. Both Mr. Thomas and Ernest Smith promised to cooperate fully to this extent.

As a point of interest, Ernest Smith advised Agents that several months ago Grace Goldstein came to him and had him check the hotel's registration book for the month of October and November, 1935, for the name of Harold King. In this connection she advised that Harold King was in fact Fred Hunter; that he was on trial in Ohio for mail robbery, and that she endeavored to establish an alibi for him by showing that he was in Hot Springs at the time the robbery occurred in Ohio. According to Smith, he merely checked the hotel's arrival and departure book for the month of November, 1935, but could find no record of a Harold King. After Agents located the registration card of Harold King for October 25, 1935, it was discovered that the clerk on duty at that time failed to record this registration in the arrival and departure book, which was the book that Grace Goldstein and Ernest Smith examined as above stated.

Ernest Smith admitted that Grace Goldstein's girls fill frequent dates at the Marquette Hotel; that both Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris are well known to him, and that he did not know that they were consorting with Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter until after the raid on the Woodcock home, when Bureau Agents interviewed him in that regard and checked the hotel records.

John Stover called at the temporary office, 322 Thompson Building, on July 22, 1937, and stated that since he had last talked to Agents about Karpis, he and his wife had talked it over and he is now quite positive that on the night Grace Goldstein flew to Canton, Ohio, with him that the car that was waiting for her when she arrived was a large, nice looking roadster with yellowish side curtains instead of a convertible coupe as he first thought.

Stover further states that his wife can inform Agents more explicitly of the events that took place on the night that he arrived in Hot Springs with Grace Goldstein and Karpis. He states now that his wife has informed him that after they took Karpis to the Majestic Hotel that Karpis told them to wait a minute; that he wanted them to drive them to his house. He recalls now that Karpis talked to a negro porter in front of the Hotel and that soon thereafter the big fellow (Clayton Hall) came out of the Hotel, got into the car with Karpis and Stover drove them to their residence.

He further recalls that on one of the trips that Karpis or Hunter made, that either Karpis or Hunter came out to the hangar on the previous day before the trip and paid him \$100.00 in advance for the trip. He thinks this was the time he took Hunter to San Antonio, but is not sure about this.

Stover also recalls now that he was in Austin, Texas, the day of the raid on March 30, 1936, as he was there on a trip with Marshall Purvis. He states that he can substantiate this with an invoice he has that he rendered to Purvis in connection with this trip and he will be glad to produce this invoice if it becomes necessary.

During an interview had with Clay Watt, he indicated that E. Marion Riggs, who is presently engaged in the real estate business in the Arkansas National Bank Building, might provide information of value to this investigation in that Riggs was the Managing Editor of the two local newspapers up until about a year ago; that Riggs had not been treated particularly well by the present city administration and would probably cooperate. On July 20, 1937, Agents H. A. Snow and D. P. Sullivan interviewed E. Marion Riggs in his office. He stated that he managed the Hot Springs New Era and Sentinel-Record Newspapers until a year ago. He indicated that he and C. E. Palmer organized the Southern Newspaper Corporation in 1926 and combined the New Era, which was formerly an Associated Arkansas Newspaper, with the Sentinel-Record. He indicated that he and C. E. Palmer did not agree in the operation of the local newspapers. He stated that he has a high regard for the Bureau and indicated that if he was a young man he would like to train for a position as Special Agent.

Mr. Riggs stated that he did not know the source of the information from which his newspapers learned of the investigation conducted by Bureau Agents at Dyer's Landing in October, 1935, but he stated that he believed that Kent Rush, who is presently night editor, received the information from some source. He stated that he would make discreet inquiry of Rush and other employees at the local newspaper office and ascertain where the Hot Springs Police Department received the information which they later reported to the Bureau of Karpis living at Dyer's Landing. He stated that he would also attempt to learn whether the Hot Springs Police Department received any more complaints of Karpis residing at Hot Springs, Arkansas, either before the Bureau investigation at Dyer's Landing or after that occasion until the Bureau raid on the Woodcock home in the latter part of March, 1936. Mr. Riggs assured Agents that he would keep this matter confidential.

On July 26, 1937, Agent B. M. Suttler, while having lunch in the Eastman Hotel in Hot Springs, learned from Cecil Brock, former police officer, that one Walter Ebel, Little Rock Gazette reporter, and he had been discussing the present harboring investigation being conducted in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Brock informed that one night during the past week Ebel came into the Eastman Hotel where Brock works and while there asked

Brock if the "G" had talked to him yet. Brock informed him that they had. Ebel stated that they had talked to most every one he knew but him, and he was wondering why they did not come to him, as he recalled where the information came from that they had been seeking, in regard to the supposed tip-off of supposed suspicious persons at Burch's Landing on Lake Hamilton. Ebel informed Brock that this came about in the following manner; that one night two men came into Wilton Battle's Drug Store on South Central Avenue; that these men ordered some bandages and iodine; that they acted rather suspicious and Wilton Battle, becoming suspicious of them, wrote down their license number; that Battle in the course of conversation with these men stated they were either going to stay or were staying at Burch's Landing on Lake Hamilton; that Battle passed this information to Walter Ebel and Ebel in turn passed it on to Herbert "Dutch" Akers, Chief of Hot Springs Detectives; that the following day Akers and Brock went to Burch's Landing and checked on the license plates of this car.

In a previous interview with Cecil Brock, former Lieutenant of Detectives under "Dutch" Akers, he informed Agents of this supposed visit by him and Akers to Dyer's Landing, which is next to Burch's Landing on Lake Hamilton. It is true that Akers, a few days before Bureau Agents investigated at Lake Hamilton, called the Little Rock Division and passed on certain information that caused Bureau Agents to investigate and miss Karpis by only a matter of few days as it later turned out. There have been various stories before this as to just how Akers got this auto license number that he checked up on and found that it belonged to Eddie Parker, who in reality was Alvin Karpis. Brock has previously stated that he did not know where Akers got this "tip-off" from about the license number, and stated that the only one who knew would possibly be Akers himself, as he did not volunteer such information to his subordinates.

Miss Bennie Marie Rawson, 1606 S. Central Avenue, called at the temporary office, 223 Thompson Building, on the morning of July 22, 1937, and was interviewed by Agent B. M. Suttler. She states that she is acquainted with Roy Milam, owner of Milam's Cottages on Lake Hamilton, and that she at one time went with Roy Milam; that the time she went with him was about five years ago. She states that she met Roy Milam by the fact that he owned and operated a garage near the apartment where she was living on Broadway about the year 1932.

Miss Rawson states that she never did particularly like Roy Milam but he called her for dates quite often and she went with him some;



that due to the fact that she did not especially like Roy Milam she introduced him to a friend of hers by the name of Louise Manning and that Roy and Louise Manning started going together at that time and eventually got married; that she was in Memphis at the time Roy Milam married this girl Louise Manning; she cannot recall the exact date but recalls she was in Memphis at the time taking a manicuring course.

She states that she is willing to make a signed statement or take an oath that she never did have a date with Roy Milam after he was married, and that she did not at any time ever stay at a cottage at Milam's Landing.

Upon further questioning by Agent, Miss Rawson stated she had not been telling the truth. She stated that she was afraid to tell the truth at first as she feared becoming involved. After this she related the following, declaring it to be the truth.

Miss Rawson states that she recalls that during the month of August, 1935, her father owned a filling station on West Grande Avenue; that she was working for her father in this filling station as Cashier; that some time during this month she was standing in front of the filling station when Roy Milam came by. She states that Roy Milam informed her that his wife had left him and that she had been keeping books for him; that he needed a bookkeeper at the time to keep his records of boats stored at his docks; that she agreed to work for him as she had formerly kept books and all she had to keep for him was a journal and ledger; that her work consisted of posting the records of his storage charges on the journal and transferring them to the ledger; that she also collected these accounts for him around town. She recalls that she collected one account from a Mr. Will Lake and also an account from the Jackson News Agency. She states that his books will reflect her handwriting at that time and this will substantiate her contentions.

Miss Rawson further states that she worked for Milam for only two weeks during the month of August, 1935, as she went to Texas in September. To substantiate this she called a Mrs. Ralph Walters and asked her the exact date that they left for Texas in 1935; Mrs. Walters informed her that it was September 5, 1935. Miss Rawson states that she and Mrs. Walters drove down to Dallas, Texas, together; that when she got there her sister, Mrs. Floyd Shelton of Houston, Texas, met her in Dallas on the bus and she and Mrs. Shelton returned to Houston, Texas, via bus, where she stayed with her sister for about a month. Miss Rawson states that she returned to Hot Springs, Arkansas, on a bus and after she arrived here she found that her father had sold his filling station and that her father and mother were living on Park Avenue; that she stayed on



Park Avenue with her parents after this and did not work for Roy Milam anymore, nor did she see him after she returned to Hot Springs from Houston, and she stated that in December of 1935 she went to New Orleans, Louisiana, to visit a friend of hers there.

Agent exhibited to Miss Rawson all photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, but she was unable to identify any members of the gang.

Miss Rawson further states that during the time she kept books for Roy Milam the only entries she made in his books were entries dealing with the storage of boats; that she at no time made any entries in his books regarding the renting of cottages. She states that if he kept any books on the cottages or the rental of them, he must have kept them himself as she does not recall ever having seen them at all.

Miss Rawson could not recall any time during the time she worked for Milam seeing any of the law enforcement officials of Hot Springs, Arkansas, call at Milam's Landing. She states that she knows Chief of Detectives Herbert "Dutch" Akers and former Chief of Police Joe Wakelin by sight, but she could not recall ever having seen them at Milam's Landing during the time she worked there.

Miss Rawson states that during the time she worked for Roy Milam she was living with her parents on West Grand Avenue and that Roy Milam called for her every morning and brought her home before 9:00 o'clock every night she worked for him, with the exception of two nights. On these two occasions she states that Milam was not feeling well and a white boy by the name of Johnny (whose last name is unknown to her) carried her into town on one of these occasions, and a negro employee by the name of Willie brought her in town on the other occasion. Miss Rawson thinks that the former employee of Milam by the name of Johnny is still in Hot Springs and states that Johnny's sister married Rufus Manning, and Rufus Manning is at present employed as a fireman for the City of Hot Springs; that by contacting him, Johnny's address at present might be ascertained. Miss Rawson states that the last time she heard from Johnny he was living in the 600 block of Park Avenue. The negro Willie, she thinks, is still employed by Roy Milam. Milam also employed a negro maid at that time by the name of Tanzay; that Tanzay did the cooking and cleaning for Roy. She could not furnish any further information about Tanzay.

On July 22, 1937, Arthur ~~Jefferson~~ called at the temporary office at 8:45 A. M. and stated that he had not yet been able to learn the name of the three men and the woman that he arrested several years ago in the front of the Marquette Hotel. He states that he knows one of these men was a fellow by the name of John Ward ~~Davis~~, who was a local boy and hangs around the Manhattan Bar on Ouachita Avenue. The girl he recalls

was named Blakely and states that she too was a local girl. Jefferson informed Agents during his last interview that he would go to the Police Station and attempt to locate the records on these people in order to get the exact date of the arrest and the correct names of those arrested.

Jefferson states that in regard to this incident he recalls that he got orders from Chief of Detectives Herbert "Dutch" Akers, in the presence of Joe Wakelin, to arrest two men in a dark red sedan with Ohio license plates on it. This was about nine o'clock in the evening. He states "Dutch" warned him at the time to be careful as these men were dangerous. Jefferson recalls that about 2:00 A. M. the following morning he saw this red car parked in front of the Marquette Hotel. He states he saw the license number was the same as the one he was looking for so he went over to the car and noted that there were four persons in the car, three men and a woman. He recognized the men and the woman as being local people. He arrested the whole party and took them to jail. One of the men was drunk. When they got to the jail one of the men informed the police officers that they had picked up John Ward Davis and the Blakely girl at Wilson's Tavern and brought them in town. Jefferson states that they turned the Blakely girl and John Ward Davis loose that night, as they were sober and were local people and they had nothing on them.

The other two men were kept in jail that night. Before they were put into the jail, however, they were in the alley next to the jail when the boy who had been drunk woke up and wanted to fight; they soon quieted him down and after this, he and the other boy informed them they could not afford to be put in jail and were willing to pay any amount to stay out. As he recalls it, they had about \$367.00 on them at the time; they offered this to Jefferson and Monroe Young, another officer. Jefferson states they told him that if this was not enough they would get all they wanted in just a few minutes if they would not put them in jail. They stayed in jail that night. The following morning Dutch and Joe Wakelin came to the station early, long before Court time, took one of them out of jail and took one of the men back in the little office. Monroe Young started in the office and Joe Wakelin told him to stay out and let "Dutch" handle the case alone. Monroe "rared and snorted" about this, as it was his and Jefferson's case, but it did not do any good. "Dutch" talked to the first one awhile, then brought him back and put him in jail. He then took the other one back into his office and talked to him awhile and brought him out in the jail office and got the other one out of jail and told the jailor to give them their envelopes with the money in them. Akers then went back in the office with both the men and talked to them for a few minutes and came back out with them. Jefferson thinks that "Dutch" put them both on the docket for disturbing the peace. They put up \$10.00 collateral and then he turned them loose.

The way "Dutch" heard about this case was these boys had a fight in a rooming house on Benton Street and someone there took their license number and a description of the car, and that was the way they picked them up.

Arthur Jefferson further stated that he recalls one day speaking to Grace Goldstein as she sat in her car; that he noticed there were two men in the car and Herbert "Dutch" Akers was leaning on the side of the car talking to Grace; that sometime later, he thinks after Karpis was captured, Grace informed him that on the above mentioned day when he spoke to her that Karpis and Hunter were in the car with her at the time "Dutch" Akers was leaning on the car talking to her.

Jefferson further states that on one occasion former police officer Joe Scott told him that he had a "tip" that Karpis and Hunter were staying either at Dyer's Landing or Milam's Landing. Jefferson states that he advised him the best thing to do was to tell the Chief (Wakelin) about it, and that Scott informed him that he already had done so. He states this was before the article came out in the paper by Chief of Police Joe Wakelin denying that it was Karpis at Dyer's Landing. Jefferson could not, however, recall exactly how long it was before the newspapers carried stories of Federal Agents raiding on Lake Hamilton after he had this conversation with Joe Scott.

On July 19, 1937, Agent D. P. Sullivan interviewed Dr. J. O. Boydstone by telephone and he stated that he had questioned Grace Goldstein since Agents last questioned him, and he learned that Ruth Patterson, who formerly was employed as a prostitute by Grace Goldstein at 1368 S. Central Avenue, and at 123 Palm Street, was presently engaged in the practice of prostitution at San Diego, California; that Connie Morris was living with some wealthy man, but not married to him, at St. Louis, Missouri; that her address in St. Louis could be obtained from the Barnes Hospital, where she has obtained treatment since she moved to that town. Dr. Boydstone also learned from Grace Goldstein that Jackie Nichols, who was formerly employed as a prostitute by Grace Goldstein, was in New Orleans practicing prostitution when Grace last heard from her.

On July 23, 1937, Agent B. M. Suttler called at the office of the Yellow Cab Company, 248 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and interviewed Bryan Bismukes, Manager, in an effort to ascertain the exact date that a former cab driver by the name of Erzell Brock had made a trip from the golf club to the city hall in Hot Springs, it having been previously determined in an interview with Brock that he made this trip about a week or ten days prior to the Bureau raid on the Woodcock residence here on March 30, 1936.

Dismukes informed that the call sheet records of the Yellow Cab Company are never kept for more than a period of six months, due to the fact that the office space is very limited and also they have found no reason for maintaining records more than six months old on cab calls. Dismukes recalled the time that Brock called into the office and advised him that he was going to the City Jail at the request of Chief of Detectives Herbert "Dutch" Akers. Dismukes states that the reason he recalls it so vividly is that it made him mad for Brock to leave the Golf Club with no passengers just to come in and talk to "Dutch" Akers and that he, therefore, informed Brock that if he left the Club and came in at that time he would have to pay the regular taxi rate of seventy-five cents, which he did.

Dismukes further recalled that for about two weeks prior to the Bureau raid on the Woodcock residence, one of his drivers by the name of Jefferies was in constant touch with a Kansas State Trooper by the name of Joe Anderson; that this man Anderson worked "mighty hard" on this Karpis case and if Brock had not made a fool of himself and "spilled his guts" to Connie Morris he might have gotten part of the reward, as he believes that Brock could have "put Karpis on the spot for Anderson" if Brock had not gotten drunk.

Continuing Dismukes stated that he thought a lot of the F.B.I. and thought they had done a lot to bring about law and order in the United States, but he stated that he thought the Bureau had handed Joe Anderson a "raw deal" on the Karpis case; that Anderson worked "his heart out" on that case and then the "Bureau would not even let him in on the capture." Agent informed Dismukes that whatever the Bureau did at that time was done for the best interests of law and order, and that in emergency cases, such as that was, a lot of people jumped at conclusions too fast and such conclusions caused a lot of people to become misled as to the truth. Dismukes agreed with Agent here and stated that "you are liable to hear anything in Hot Springs but I don't believe half I hear." The subject was then abruptly changed to the present existing conditions of Hot Springs.

Dismukes stated that the present administration, from the Mayor on down, are the "dirtiest bunch that one city ever had." He stated that "Dutch" Akers, Chief of Detectives here, was the smartest and "crookedest" detective that Hot Springs ever had; that if "Dutch" would divert his mind into the proper channels of law and order that he could be one of the best detectives in the United States. Dismukes also stated that Leo McLaughlin, the Mayor, was the brains of the corrupt element in Hot Springs, and that he should have been indicted with the seven officers for the murder of

\* John Dickson; that he knows everything that goes on in the Police Department; that his office is on the same floor with the cell in which John Dickson was beaten to death and he could not help but hear the cries of Dickson, and was fully aware of what was going on.

\* Dismukes further stated that McLaughlin had it in for Porter Austeel, now deceased, owner of the Yellow Cab Company, and it is his opinion that a Dr. Wright here was paid off by the Mayor to recommend that Porter Austeel's accident and \$10,000.00 double indemnity insurance policy be cancelled; that Dr. Wright examined Mr. Austeel, made his report and recommendation to the insurance company and shortly thereafter the policy was cancelled; then a few weeks later Porter Austeel was killed and he thinks that the present administration were responsible for his death.

Dismukes stated that if the Federal Bureau of Investigation hoped to get any indictments against any person in Hot Springs they would be "sadly disappointed" when the time came to present it to the Grand Jury in this district. He states that Federal Grand Juries are picked in this district just like the jury was picked in the John Dickson case; that Charlie Rockafellow, a notorious crook and con man, was usually on the Grand Jury, and another man by the name of Leon Dinkensfield serves on the Grand Jury quite often; that both of these men have a lot of influence and they are very close to Leo McLaughlin, "Dutch" Akers, Verne Ledgerwood and others of "the gang". He also states that Charlie Rockafellow had a lot of influence with the late Federal Judge Martineau; that it was common knowledge in the City of Hot Springs in prohibition days that any man caught for the violation of the prohibition law could give Charlie Rockafellow \$25.00, get Rockafellow to go with him to Judge Martineau and get the case "fixed". He states that when Judge Martineau visited Hot Springs he would go fishing with Charlie Rockafellow and they were "very close friends".

Continuing Dismukes stated that Leo McLaughlin had power not only in the City of Hot Springs, Arkansas, but also in the State of Arkansas and in Washington, D. C. through his close friendship with the late Senator Joseph Robinson. He states that when McLaughlin went to Little Rock he oftentimes stayed at Senator Robinson's house, and when Senator Robinson visited Hot Springs he would be entertained by Leo McLaughlin and stay at McLaughlin's house. Dismukes states that he heard that on one occasion the Federal Government, Income Tax Division, had started an investigation on Leo McLaughlin's personal income and that before they had gotten started good McLaughlin phoned Senator Robinson in Washington and had the investigation stopped. He stated that most of his information in

regard to the above matters was hearsay, but it was general gossip in Hot Springs.

Dismukes stated that Leo McLaughlin and his crowd were very much opposed to the present owner of the Yellow Cab Company, Mrs. Porter Austeel, and they were doing all in their power to smash the Yellow Cab Company; that at the present time there is a \$40,000.00 damage case pending against the Cab Company as a result of an accident that happened several months ago. He stated that one of the cab drivers was turning around at the end of the Malvern carline and a party of six drunk boys, coming from Belvedere, hit the cab and knocked it forty feet. Dismukes states that with a picked jury the plaintiffs have a very good chance of getting a \$40,000.00 judgement, and if they do, it will be the end of the Yellow Cab Company. He states that the administration got it in for the Missouri Pacific Railroad for some reason and through their influence one man collected \$37,000.00 for "merely bumping his head on the train as he got off; they held the company liable notwithstanding the fact that the man walked three miles to his home after he was injured and never suffered at all from the injury." Dismukes stated that on another occasion a plaintiff collected \$25,000.00 from this company for injuries sustained when he fell off of his own tractor while crossing the railroad tracks with it; that the jury held that the railroad company should have had up protection gates.

Dismukes urged Agent to inform the Bureau of McLaughlin's influence with all kinds and classes of courts in this district, in order that the harboring charge might be prosecuted in another district to assure conviction. Dismukes stressed the relationship of the late Senator Robinson with Leo McLaughlin and also the fact that the present Federal Judge Trimble was practically appointed by Senator Robinson and is very probably in favor of the present Hot Springs City Administration.

It will be noted here that the information Dismukes furnished to Agent in regard to the close friendship of the late Senator Joseph T. Robinson and Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin is not entirely news. During the course of the present investigation Agents have heard it rumored that Leo McLaughlin and Senator Robinson were close friends. In a previous interview with one Clay Watt, he informed Agents that as long as "Joe Robinson was in Washington, the Bureau will never convict Leo McLaughlin of anything, nor will any other Government Agency." Watt, during that same interview, stated that Internal Revenue Agents worked for a long time in Hot Springs on the income tax evasion angle of Leo McLaughlin's and Verne Ledgerwood's income, and that just as they completed their investigation and it looked like they had the right evidence, Leo McLaughlin called Senator Robinson in Washington and had the investigation stopped and the Agents sent out of town.

Mr. D. G. Saad of the Saad Auction Company in Hot Springs met Agent Suttler on the street yesterday and during the course of conversation said, "You fellows have a better chance now with Joe Robinson out of Washington; you know Leo and Joe were very close; one time when President Roosevelt was here Senator Robinson was with him. I heard that when Robinson introduced the Mayor to the President he said, 'Franklin I want you to meet my good friend Leo'". Saad stated he had heard from various sources that Leo bragged at different times about his friendship for Senator Robinson.

On Sunday, July 18, 1937, William Seiz, owner of the Seiz Advertising Company, a loyal supporter of the Bureau and a staunch enemy of the present City Administration, stopped Agent Suttler on the street and remarked that though it was a hard thing to say about a dead man he felt that the Bureau had a much better chance at getting convictions in Hot Springs now that Joe Robinson was gone. Agent asked Seiz just what he meant and he informed Agent that Robinson and McLaughlin were very good friends and that Leo and the rest of the gang in Hot Springs had a lot of influence with Joe Robinson. Seiz stated that Senator Robinson often came to Hot Springs on vacations and fished on Lake Hamilton and Lake Catherine with McLaughlin and Municipal Judge Verne Ledgerwood and other City Officials. Seiz said, "Naturally Leo and Joe were good friends; Leo controlled a lot of votes in this district and Joe knew it and when Leo wanted a favor he got it."

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607 U.S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, New York.

August 9, 1937.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July 30, 1937.

I believe it would be desirable for me to be at Hot Springs when such parties as Herbert Karpis, Joseph Wakelin and Grace Goldstein are interviewed. I am now engaged on a special matter here at New York City, the duration of which is problematical.

Please advise me at as early a date as possible when the inquiry at Hot Springs will be completed so that I can make my plans accordingly.

As to the party Mrs. V. Incell mentioned in your letter, it is believed she should be interviewed at the earliest possible date and, if necessary, an agent from Little Rock who is thoroughly familiar with the case should interview her at New Orleans, after suitable authority for the travel is obtained from the Bureau.

As you will recall, we intended paying certain additional money to Grace Goldstein for her assistance in the Karpis matter. However, we, of course, have not specifically obligated ourselves to her in any way and it would not be necessary to pay her any additional funds unless we believed some useful purpose would be served by paying her some additional money other than the three hundred dollars which we already paid to her for her expenses and inconvenience in connection with the services rendered as to Karpis.

I am a little skeptical as to the advisability of paying her any money due to the peculiar circumstances which arose in connection with the approximate amount of twelve thousand dollars in

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bonds which were stolen from the Herrittsville train robbery on November 7, 1935, that is, the possible connection of her brother with the disposal of these bonds which had been left with her by Alvin Karpis. I will hold this matter in abeyance, however, until after we have talked with her as to the harboring situation. It might be possible to include Grace Goldstein as a co-conspirator in the indictments in these cases but not as a defendant, keeping in mind our obligations to her for the services rendered in connection with the apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

Provided some time elapses before I am able to proceed to Hot Springs for the interview with the persons above indicated and the investigation being otherwise completed, some time could be spent in the preparation of a comprehensive summary report for the use of the United States Attorney and for the purpose of submitting this case to him. This would allow for the elimination of any confidential informants referred to and other miscellaneous information which will not be of any value to the United States Attorney in the prosecution and which might disclose our cooperators in the investigation.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY  
Inspector.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**  
August 9, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Hot Springs Case

Time: 4:45 PM.

Mr. Connelley called and, in response to my inquiry, advised that after the Long Island case has quieted down a little, he will proceed to Hot Springs, Arkansas to interrogate Joe Wakelin and Herbert Akers, a good case having been developed against the latter.

Respectfully,

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Report made at Little Rock, Arkansas	Date when made 8/10/37	Period for which made 7/22-31, 8/1/37	Report made by D. P. SULLIVAN cpw
Title ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with aliases - FUGITIVE; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			Character of Case KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Synopsis of Facts: Signed statements obtained from prostitutes Della May Jeffries, alias "Ginger"; Jewel Greta Gilstrap, alias "Greta"; Gertrude Theresa Nichols, alias "Jackie"; and Lillian Louise Thomas, negro maid, all employed by Grace Goldstein in the years 1935 and 1936. "Ginger" states that Karpis and Hunter first came to Grace Goldstein's house of prostitution about 3 weeks after she moved into 123 Palm St., in the summer of 1935 and thereafter these men spent most of their time with Goldstein woman and Connie Morris at 123 Palm St., and the Hatterie Hotel; names numerous Hot Springs police officers, excepting "Dutch" Akers, who visited 123 Palm Street; states Grace Goldstein at that time and later, kept company with Police Chief Wakelin; identifies photographs of Sam Coker and Harry Campbell as visitors to Hatterie Hotel in September 1935; states she and other women at the Hatterie Hotel recognized a photograph of Karpis in a newspaper early in December 1935, and a few days later she reported to Chief of Detectives Akers, Lieutenant Cecil Brock and Officer Garnett Moore that Karpis was keeping company with Grace Goldstein, and she thereafter kept Akers advised from day to day of movements and activities of Goldstein woman and Karpis, but Akers showed no interest until about time of Woodcock raid. "Ginger" states Akers lent her about \$45.00 to open rooming house which she operated as house of prostitution early in 1936, where Akers visited her. Velda Burford, sister of "Ginger", corroborates by telling of visits by Akers, where "Ginger" informed him of movements of Grace Goldstein in January and February, 1936, until Woodcock raid. Prostitute "Greta" relates details of association of Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris with Karpis and Hunter in 1935 and 1936 at various places in Hot Springs, Arkansas; states Goldstein woman would ride with Akers in his car after he called for her at 123 Palm Street;

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advises that cab driver, Brock, told Connie Morris of activities of P. O. Inspectors in Hot Springs a few days before Woodcock raid. "Jackie" also details association of Grace Goldstein and other prostitutes with Karpis, Hunter, Coker and Campbell during 1935; tells of friendly visits made by Akers to 123 Palm Street. Negro maid, Lillian, identifies Karpis and Hunter as "boy friends" of Goldstein and Morris women; states former Police Chief Wakelin has telephoned Grace Goldstein almost nightly since fall of 1935. Charles Preston, former special Hot Springs police officer, states Akers showed him \$500.00 a few days after Woodcock raid, which money Akers stated Karpis gave him as option on his country home. Horace Whyte states that when fishing with Karpis and Hunter in the summer of 1935, he engaged Police Chief Wakelin in conversation, while his and Wakelin's boats were pulled alongside each other on Lake Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. John Stover identify house at 124 Clubb St., as place where they delivered Karpis after airplane trip from Ohio in January, 1936.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, August 3, 1937.

DETAILS: This report covers the investigative activities of Special Agents H. A. Snow, B. M. Suttler, John L. Madala and the writer in the harboring case at Hot Springs, Arkansas, from July 22 to August 1, 1937.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents John L. Madala and B. M. Suttler:

On July 28, 1937, Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and B. M. Suttler proceeded to the Hatterie Hotel and brought Ginger Morgan, a prostitute, to the temporary office of the Bureau in the Thompson Building. She was interviewed in great detail by Agents Madala and Suttler, and since it appeared that she possessed considerable information of value in regard to "Dutch" Akers knowing that Alvin Karpis was in Hot Springs as early as December of 1935, and apparently did nothing about apprehending him, it was deemed advisable to bring Ginger Morgan to the Little Rock Field Division and spend a great deal of time with her in refreshing her recollection, and obtaining a statement from her.

Ginger Morgan was interviewed on July 28 and 29, 1937, and the following signed statement was obtained from her. She advised that her correct name is Della May Jeffries. The statement reads as follows:

Little Rock, Arkansas  
July 29, 1937.

"I, Della May Jeffries, nee Della May, and better known as Ginger Morgan, do hereby make the following signed statement to John L. Madala and B. M. Suttler, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. No threats or promises have been made to me, and I am making this statement of my own free will, and with the intentions of cooperating with the Government in this matter.

"I was born at Gillett, Arkansas on February 24, 1913. I married Harley T. Griffith at Stuttgart, Arkansas on March 12, 1929, and he died in El-mara, Ark. in February of 1930. I later married Charles E. Jeffries at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, this being on August 16, 1936. We are at present separated, and he is now in San Jose, California, working at the Crystal Bar & Lunch Cafe. My parents are both deceased, and my step-father, F. H. Leslie, lives at Gillett, Arkansas.

"I began hustling for Grace Goldstein in April of 1935, when she was operating a house of prostitution at 1338 S. Central Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas. I recall that I was introduced to Grace Goldstein by a boy named Bill Sims, who encouraged me to hustle, stating that Grace was well protected by the Police Department. Shortly after I moved to 1338 S. Central Avenue, and began working for Grace, her place was raided for liquor by Marion Anderson and some other Deputy Sheriffs, and padlocked. At that time the following girls were working for Grace as prostitutes: Alice Smith, Connie Morris, Ruth Patterson and myself. After the Sheriff's Office padlocked Grace's house at 1338 S. Central Avenue, we moved to 123 Palm Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, this being around the middle of May, 1935.

"I have been shown photographs of Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter, and I positively identify them as two men who were known to me as Ed and Harold King, and who were supposed to be brothers. I don't know who referred them to Grace's place, but recall that they first came there about three weeks before we moved from the Palm Street address. I had several dates with Fred Hunter and Alvin Karpis when they would come there. I did not particularly pay attention to them until approximately one week before we moved from 123 Palm Street. On this occasion Karpis and Hunter had been on the lake fishing, and brought to the house a large fish, which we all ate. I recall that Karpis and Hunter were driving a dark-colored coupe, but do not know the make of it.

"When we were living at 123 Palm Street, and while Karpis and Hunter were visiting there almost daily, I recall that Grace Goldstein would receive telephone calls at the house almost daily around 7:00 P.M. and from her conversation it appeared that she would make appointments with the caller to meet some place. She would never say much upon leaving, but when she came back she would remark that she had been with the "old man". I knew that she was referring to the Chief of Police of Hot Springs, Arkansas. I recall that shortly after I began working for Grace, she told all of us girls, that if we ever got into any trouble, we should get in touch with the "old man's" lawyer,



Sonny Davies. I recall that shortly after I began working for Grace Goldstein, she introduced me to Mr. Davies as one of her girls. She told me that he was her attorney, and that he was one of the best criminal attorneys in Hot Springs.

"I recall that at those times when Grace would go to meet the Chief of Police, and stay out with him for two to three hours, Karpis and Hunter would sit around the house on Palm Street, and entertain themselves with us girls. Sometimes Karpis would fill dates with me when Grace would be out with the Chief of Police. Other officers who would visit 123 Palm Street while Grace operated a house there, were Jerry "Swede" Watkins, Arch Cooper, Cecil Brock, Garnett Moore and Bob Moore. I do not recall whether Chief of Detectives "Dutch" Akers ever visited the Palm Street address, but he could have been there without me knowing it. I do know, however, that she frequently saw and talked with him at the Hot Springs Confectionary during this period.

"Around the last week or so at 123 Palm Street, Grace received frequent calls from someone at the Police Department, and tell her about the neighbors complaining about the noise and disturbances we were making. Grace would thereafter caution us to be more quiet, stating that if we didn't quit making noise, she would be forced to move from that neighborhood. We moved from 123 Palm Street to the Hatterie Hotel on or about July 1, 1935.

"After we moved to the Hatterie Hotel, Karpis and Hunter would continue to visit Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris almost daily, and many times stay overnight. They would usually park their car in front of the Hotel. While we were living at the Hatterie Hotel, Grace continued to go out with the Chief of Police at night, but I do not know where they went on these dates.

"I have been shown a photograph of Sam Coker, and I positively identify the same as a man known to me as Tommie. I recall that he first came to the Hatterie Hotel with Karpis and Hunter. He did not live at the hotel, and I presumed he lived with Karpis and Hunter in a cottage on Lake Hamilton. Prior to the time I first met Coker, Grace Goldstein, Karpis, Hunter and myself drove to the boys' cottage on the lake where I had dinner with them, and then they drove me back into town. From the description of a cottage at Dyer's Landing that Agents Madala and Suttler gave me, I believe that that was the cottage I had visited on the above occasion. After Grace drove me to their cottage, she returned to town, and I remained with Karpis and Hunter and had dinner with them. That night they drove me back to the Hatterie Hotel. I do not know where Connie was at this time, and it is possible that she was at the hospital.

"Shortly after Sam Coker arrived at Hot Springs, the boys talked about attending the Joe Louis-Max Baer fight in New York City. I recall they said that Johnny was going to fly them there. From what I heard, it appeared that this aviator named Johnny had taken them on airplane trips before. I do not know just who attended this fight, but I know that Hunter went.

"I recall that around this time, and after the boys had been away for a couple of days, they returned and brought a man by the name of George with them. I believe that he came to Hot Springs by automobile, which was similiar in make and model to that owned by Karpis and Hunter. I have been shown a photograph of Harry Campbell, and positively identify it as the man known to me as George. Harry Campbell did not live at the Hatterie Hotel while he remained in Hot Springs, and I presume he stayed with Karpis and the others at their cottage on Lake Hamilton. While Campbell was in Hot Springs, he had dates with Greta Swanson, Jackie Nichols and myself. It appeared that he liked Greta pretty much.

"After the boys came back from the fight they stayed around Hot Springs for about a week. During this week I would say that Karpis and Hunter came up to the Hatterie Hotel at least five or six times. The other two boys, whom I knew as Tommie and George, came up to the hotel about three or four times. The last night they were in town all four of the boys stayed all night, or until right around daylight. The one I know as Tommie, who in reality is Sam Coker, spent the night with me. He stayed with me until three o'clock. At that time I was tired and got up and went to my own room. I remember that when Karpis, Hunter, Campbell, and Coker left on this occasion, Jackie Nichols gave Coker a toilet kit which she had bought for him. I recall that Coker told me two or three days before he and the others actually left, that they planned on leaving when they did, and that they were going to work in their night club in Cleveland, Ohio. I recall that Sam Coker and Fred Hunter came to the hotel around six P.M. the night before they left, and that Coker had his bags with him. All four of the boys sat around all evening and drank, and I remember that Karpis told Campbell not to drink too much, as he had a long drive ahead of him.

"Either the day that Karpis and the others left, or the day after, I know that Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris went out to the cottage where the boys had lived, and cleaned up the place. This was sometime in the morning before I had gotten out of bed. I recall Grace saying the night before, that she and Connie had to go out to their place on the lake and clean it up, and also move some of the things that were out there to the hotel. After this time, I saw a large outboard motor setting on the back porch of the hotel, and I knew from what Grace told me that this motor belonged to Karpis. It seems to me that I heard someone say that Karpis purchased this motor from Sears Roebuck in Hot Springs.

"While Karpis and Hunter would visit the Hatterie Hotel, I occasionally saw them carry guns inside of their shirt by their belt. I also saw Coker carry a gun on at least two occasions when he came to the Hatterie. I don't recall seeing any of the boys again after they left on the above occasion ascribed by me, but know that they came back to Hot Springs sometime later and lived with Grace and Connie at various places in town.

"Shortly after Karpis and Hunter left in October, 1935, a girl named Mary came to work for Grace Goldstein. After her arrival there, she would frequently take charge of the Hotel while Grace would be away on trips or be living elsewhere with Karpis. I also recall that around this time Grace Goldstein went to her home in Texas, and when she returned she had her neice, Margaret, with her. Grace said that Margaret had been "chippyng" down in Texas, her home, and that she might as well make some money at her place. I recall that Mar-

garet was ill a few days after she got to the Hatterie Hotel, but when she got well, she started to practice prostitution in the hotel.

"Sometime after Karpis and the others left together, Grace Goldstein received a letter from Karpis in which he stated that Tommie had a case of gonorrhea. That same day I went to Dr. O. A. Smith and had a smear test. He said that I was not afflicted with this disease.

"I moved from the Hatterie Hotel a few days before Thanksgiving of 1935, and obtained a house at 103 - 2nd Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas. My sister, Velda Burford and her little girl, Geraldine, came to live with me. At that time I was keeping company with Chick Strock who is employed at the Southern Club in Hot Springs, and he occasionally came to my apartment and had dinner with us.

"About fifteen days after I moved to 103 - 2nd Street, I purchased an out-of-town newspaper at the Southern Club. I recall that this was a Sunday paper, as I bought it for the reason that it had twenty or more comic strips. I took this paper home with me, and while I was reading the comic section, my little neice, Geraldine, found a photograph of Alvin Karpis in the news section. She showed this photograph to me, and remarked that the same looked like Grace's boy friend. Geraldine had previously seen Karpis at the Hatterie Hotel when she came there to visit with me. He gave her some money occasionally, and that is probably the reason why she remembered him so well. When Geraldine showed me this photograph of Alvin Karpis, I recognized the resemblance between it and Grace's boy friend, whom I knew as Ed King. I became very excited, and immediately went to the Hatterie Hotel with the paper containing Karpis' photograph. I recall that Grace was in Connie's room, and that Greta Swanson was with her. I showed Grace the photograph I had seen, and when she saw it, she became white in the face, and immediately said that the photograph was not that of her boy friend, Ed King. She remarked that the eyes, hair, and eyebrows of the man represented in the photograph did not look like Eddie, her boy friend. She also said that the paper might be wrong. Although Grace told me that the photograph in the paper was not that of her boy friend, I nevertheless felt that it was from the expression on her face when I showed it to her. I gave the newspaper to Grace, and she kept it. As I recall, Greta Swanson, and possibly Mary and Dorothy were also there when I brought this paper over to the Hatterie Hotel.

"Naturally I was very much upset and excited when I recognized Alvin Karpis' photograph in the newspaper, and that night I didn't even go on a hotel date, because I was so afraid. Either the next evening or the evening after, I met Cecil Brock, who was then an officer on the Hot Springs Police Force, on the street in front of Sidney's Shoe Store. I asked him if he knew Grace Goldstein's boy friend, and I recall that he said he didn't. I then told him that I thought that he was Alvin Karpis, and asked whether he had seen the paper. He said that he hadn't. I told him that I had recognized his photograph in a paper that I bought. I believe that he said he could check up on it, and that in the meantime I shouldn't say anything to anybody about it. I recall that I talked with Cecil Brock again about this quite a while later, when he asked whether I had found out anything more, but I don't think I told him anything, as at that time I was already working with "Dutch" Akers on it.

"About two or three nights after I first talked with Cecil Brock about Alvin Karpis, I met "Dutch" Akers in the Hot Springs Confectionary where I would go to drink coffee almost every night. "Dutch" Akers also hung around there almost every night. He would usually come in the Confectionary around nine p.m. when he would get through work. I recall that on this occasion, I asked him if he heard about Alvin Karpis being in town. He said that he hadn't, and I told him that I saw a photograph of Alvin Karpis in the newspaper, and that it looked very much like Grace Goldstein's boy friend, who had been spending so much money in her place. I also told him that he used to spend a lot of time around the Hatterie Hotel, and that I saw him carry a gun in his belt at one time. I also told him about taking Karpis' photograph to the Hatterie Hotel when I recognized it, and showing it to Grace, and all about Grace's reaction when she saw it. I remember that I told Akers at this time, that I thought Karpis was out of town then, and he asked whether I knew where he was, and I told him that I didn't know. He then told me to try to find out where he was at, and to let him know. Akers further told me not to talk too much about this, nor to talk to too many people; that Karpis and his gang were desperate gangsters, and that they might bump me off, if I wasn't careful; also, that he would find out if there was a reward outstanding for him, and that if there was, he would try to pick him up himself, without the aid of the Federal Agents, and split the reward with me. I promised "Dutch" Akers that I would try to find out where Karpis was, and what I could and then let him know.

"After my first contact with "Dutch" Akers, I would see him every night for about a week, and report to him things that I knew and had found out about Karpis' whereabouts. I recall that I told him that Karpis bought the new Buick Coupe that Grace was then driving, and also told him that he had bought her a new wrist watch. Akers knew at that time, that Grace's boy friend had given her the large black Dane dog called "Shine", and therefore I did not tell him about this fact. I remember that Akers asked me what kind of cars Karpis and his friends were driving, and I told him. I do not recall now what type of cars I told him that they were driving. I also remember telling "Dutch" during this week, that Karpis and his friends had been living in some cottage on Lake Hamilton the previous summer. He did not ask me to describe this place to him.

"I further recall that shortly after I first contacted "Dutch" Akers in regards to Alvin Karpis, he had me come to the Police Station where he showed me a lot of photographs that he took from an envelope. I remember that he had a photograph of Alvin Karpis, similar to one that I have affixed my signature to, and which Agent Madala displayed to me. I identified this photograph for "Dutch" Akers, as the man I knew to be Grace's boy friend. I recall that Akers also had a photograph of Harry Campbell which I identified for him, as the man I knew as George. I recall telling Akers everything I knew about him. I have signed my name to the photograph of Harry Campbell which Agent Madala showed me, and which I am sure is similar to the one that "Dutch" Akers displayed to me the time that he talked with me at the City Jail. I definitely recall that none of the photographs that "Dutch" Akers showed me looked anything like the man I knew as Harold King, the boy friend of Connie Morris. I am sure that Akers did not show me a photograph of Sam Coker on the above occasion, as if he had, I would have identified it, and I don't recall now identifying such a photograph for him.

"I recall now that during the time I was contacting "Dutch" Akers every night at the Hot Springs Confectionary, both Grace and Karpis were apparently out of town, as I did not see Grace for a week or so. When she got back, I met her at the Hot Springs Confectionary. I believe that this was sometime shortly before Christmas of 1935. I asked her in a casual way where her boy friend was, and she told me that he was out of town, but that she expected him back in a few days. She also told me at this time that she borrowed a set of license plates from "the old man", referring to the Chief of Police, so she could drive her car to her mother's place; that when she got her new car, she did not want to buy any license plates for it, as it was only a short time before the first of the new year, and she didn't want to put out the money for a new set of tags for that short of time. She indicated that the license plates which the Chief of Police gave her came off of his wife's automobile, and that she returned the tags to him after she got back to Hot Springs that day.

"While I was living at 103-2nd Street, Hot Springs, I would occasionally see Grace Goldstein drive on Ouachita Avenue towards South Hot Springs. I recall that I asked her around this time where she went when I would see her drive towards South Hot Springs, and she said that she had been living on Third Street right in back of me. I knew that she must have been living out there with Karpis, or else she wouldn't have been living away from the Hatterie Hotel. As I recall, Grace told me at this time, that "They" recently moved away from this house on South Third Street, but did not indicate where "they" moved to. When she said "they", I knew that she was referring to Karpis and herself, and possibly Connie and Fred Hunter.

"I am certain that after the above conversation with Grace Goldstein at the Hot Springs Confectionary, I saw "Dutch" Akers either that same night or the next night, and reported everything I had gotten from Grace to him. I recall that he didn't have much to say about what I told him, except that I should continue to find out everything I could, and report the same to him.

"I am acquainted with Garnett Moore, who was on the Hot Springs Police Force in 1935. I recall that sometime after I first talked with Cecil Brock about Karpis being in Hot Springs, I met Garnett Moore on the street and told him about Karpis being the boy friend of Grace Goldstein, and about him hanging around Hot Springs. Garnett did not appear very much interested, and indicated that he had nothing to do with that, and that I should tell "Dutch" Akers about it. I do not recall now whether I told him that I had already talked with Akers about it, or whether I had told Cecil Brock about Karpis. I definitely recall, though, that I told Garnett Moore all about it.

"After Christmas of 1935, I frequently ran into "Dutch" Akers in the Hot Springs Confectionary, and whenever I had found out something new about Karpis' whereabouts, I would tell "Dutch" about it. I recall that sometimes "Dutch" would come into the Confectionary with his wife, and when he saw me, he would leave her sitting at a table, and come and talk with me for about two or three minutes about the Karpis case. He would not do this, if Grace Goldstein happened to be in the restaurant at the same time. I noticed that when I first talked with "Dutch" Akers about Karpis, this being in the early part of December, 1935, he would appear somewhat interested in what I had to say to him. However,

he later did not appear to care very much about what I told him. He merely would say that I should continue to keep my eyes open, and report everything that I could obtain to him.

"I definitely recall that sometime after Christmas of 1935, I ran into Grace Goldstein and as usual asked her where her boy friend was. She said that he had gone to Ohio to look after his night-club, and that he would be back in a few days; that she hoped he would get back soon. I remember that I told "Dutch" Akers about this within the next few days, and further recall telling him some time or other that Karpis and his friend (Fred Hunter) would usually charter a plane out of Hot Springs when they would go on long trips. I do not know whether Akers ever checked at the airport about what I had told him.

"During the time that I contacted "Dutch" Akers about Alvin Karpis from around the first of December, 1935 to the time that Karpis was caught in New Orleans, Louisiana, I would always talk with him at the Hot Springs Confectionary. He never came to my residence to seek information regarding the whereabouts of Karpis, nor did he ever call me over the telephone about him. The only thing that he asked me to do over this period, was to talk with Grace Goldstein, and get whatever information I could from her. I do not know whether Akers ever checked up or investigated anything that I had told him.

"Around the middle of February, 1936, I told "Dutch" Akers that I would like to open up a rooming house somewhere in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He told me that he thought it could be done, and that I would be required to pay a \$1.00 a year for each room that I would rent out. I told him that I had the house at 123 Palm Street in mind, and asked him what he thought about it. He said that he thought it would be all right. I then told him that I needed \$35.00 for rent, and also some money to pay a deposit on the utilities, and in my presence he called the Utility Company from his office in the City Jail, and spoke with the head man regarding it. This man said that it would be all right for me not to pay the necessary deposit. "Dutch" also gave me \$45.00 at this time to help get me started at 123 Palm Street. I gave him two or three rings as security, which he later gave back to me.

"After I moved to 123 Palm Street, my sister, Valda, moved in with me. This was around the middle of February, 1936, a few weeks before the racing season. I operated a house of prostitution at this address from that time until after the racing meet, which would be around April, 1936. During this time I engaged two girls from the Piggy Rooms, who would fill dates with men at the house, and also answer calls at the hotels. I do not remember these girls' names. On one occasion "Dutch" Akers sent a girl named Lucille Anderson to my house to hustle. I recall that Lucille's husband, Gene, was arrested by the police in Hot Springs, and put in jail. It was when Gene Anderson went to jail, that Akers sent his wife over to my house to hustle. After Gene got out of jail, he came to room at my place on 123 Palm Street, but he and his wife stayed only a short time.

"While I was operating at 123 Palm Street, I occasionally called "Dutch" Akers to come over to the house, and when he would get there, I would report certain things to him, like someone stealing a wrist watch, manicuring kit, and

money. I never paid a cent for police protection or for a permit to operate a house of prostitution at 123 Palm Street. I do not know why I didn't have to pay.

"I have read the foregoing statement which consists of eight typewritten pages, and I swear that the same is true to the best of my knowledge and recollection, I have signed my name to each page of this statement, certifying that I have read the same."

(Signed) Della May Jeffries

Witnesses: /s/ B. M. Suttler

/s/ John L. Madala

Special Agents,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
500 Rector Building,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

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The original of the above signed statement is being retained in the files of the Little Rock Field Division.

In addition to the above signed statement, Della May Jeffries advised that she returned to Hot Springs, Arkansas from California about a month ago, and that she is now employed as a prostitute for Grace Goldstein at the Hatterie Hotel; that she has a six year old son named Harley T. Griffith, Jr., who is being kept by a Mrs. Parker on a farm somewhere out of Hot Springs. She indicated that she thinks very much of this boy of hers, and would do anything in the world for him.

Della May Jeffries was questioned at great length concerning the number of times "Dutch" Akers visited 123 Palm Street during the time Grace Goldstein operated a house of prostitution at that address, it being recalled that numerous witnesses living in the neighborhood of 123 Palm Street, told of Akers calling at that place at various times. Della Jeffries advised that she is certain in her own mind that Akers frequently called at the Palm Street address, but cannot state so definitely, as she has no independent recollection of him being there at any one time. She stated that she would not like to state that Akers did call at 123 Palm Street, and not be sure about it.

Miss Jeffries advised that Chief of Police Joe Wakelin began dating Grace Goldstein on an average of two or three times a week, as early as the spring of 1935, and during the time that Karpis and Fred Hunter were keeping company with Grace and Connie Morris. She advised that to her recollection she never saw Joe Wakelin at either the Palm Street address or at the Hatterie Hotel, and as far as she knows she never met Wakelin.



Miss Jeffries advised that she first met "Dutch" Akers when she was working for Grace Goldstein at 1338 S. Central Avenue, and that Grace Goldstein introduced her to him; that thereafter she frequently saw Akers at the Hot Springs Confectionary where he would usually go at night after he quit work, and that after a time, she became very friendly with him.

Considerable time was spent with Della May Jeffries, as to the exact date that Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter, Sam Coker and Harry Campbell left the Hatterie Hotel in October of 1935. She was certain that it was sometime around 3:00 A.M. or 4:00 A.M., but could not recall the date. She at first believed that Greta Swanson, who worked for Grace Goldstein at the Hatterie Hotel at that time, was not away from Hot Springs during the time that Coker and Campbell were there, but after continued questioning, she recalled that Greta Swanson was in Fort Riley, Kansas, around that time, and came back to the Hatterie Hotel either a day before or on the day that the four boys left early in the morning. Miss Jeffries could not recall of Karpis or Hunter returning to the Hotel the day after the four of them were supposed to have left. She stated that Sam Coker told her either a day or two days before he left, that he and the other men intended to leave.

Della May Jeffries was questioned at great length relative to the first time she observed a photograph of Alvin Karpis in the newspaper, and also the name of the paper in which she saw this picture. She could not recall the exact date, nor could she recall the paper in question, but was positive that it was a Sunday paper, and that it was not an Arkansas paper. She thought that the paper she bought on the above occasion was some kind of a "Herald", and that she bought it at the news stand at the Southern Club. Miss Jeffries was positive that "Dutch" Akers, Cecil Brock and Garnett Moore were the only officers to whom she reported her identification of Karpis, as being the boy friend of Grace Goldstein. She believed, however, that other officers likewise knew about this, as everybody in Hot Springs seemed to know about Karpis being in town at that time. She stated that Karpis and Grace Goldstein were frequently discussed by various cab drivers who would call at her house at 123 Palm Street during the time she operated a house of prostitution there from February to April, 1936.

Continuing, Miss Jeffries advised that Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter frequently ate at the Southern Grill during the summer of 1935; that they usually would sit in the back part of the Grill, and on one or two occasions she ate there with them. She did not know whether anyone employed in the Southern Grill at that time appeared to be friendly with either Karpis or Hunter. Della could not state whether Grace ever took Karpis or Hunter to the Hot Springs Confectionary for something to eat.

Miss Jeffries further stated that sometime after the raid conducted by Federal Agents on the Woodcock home, Grace Goldstein told her that "Dutch" Akers knew all the time that she and Karpis were living at the Woodcock home, and that it wasn't necessary for the "law" to shoot up the place the way they did at the time of the raid. Della advised that Grace Goldstein did not

elaborate on this information. She went on to state that on another occasion, this being on the day that Grace Goldstein returned to Hot Springs after having been away for two weeks in April, 1936, that Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter brought her into town at night, and that the three of them stayed all night at the Best Tourist Camp on this occasion; that Karpis and Hunter left Hot Springs early the following morning. Della stated that Grace Goldstein must have told her about this the following day, and that she immediately reported the same to "Dutch" Akers, and she does not know what Akers did about it.

It might be stated that Della might be referring to the time that Grace Goldstein returned to Hot Springs on April 24, 1936. It is known that on this occasion Karpis and Hunter were supposed to have driven her to Hot Springs from New Orleans, Louisiana, and that she stayed at the Best Tourist Camp overnight. This is the same night that Bureau Agents established informant Clayton Hall in the Best Tourist Camp, in order that he could contact Grace Goldstein at the Hatterie Hotel the following day, and learn from her the then whereabouts of Karpis. It is also known that "Dutch" Akers knew of this incident, and thereafter "planted" the Best Tourist Camp, in the hope of apprehending Alvin Karpis. It, however, developed that the man whom Akers believed was Karpis, was in fact Clayton Hall, and Hall later was successful in making his getaway from there.

There was no question in the mind of Della May Jeffries that "Dutch" Akers could have apprehended Alvin Karpis in Hot Springs at any time after she reported her identification of him in December of 1935. She stated that it was generally known that Karpis would be in and out of Hot Springs, and that Karpis was hiding out somewhere in or near town; that all the cab drivers who were stationed across the street from the Hatterie Hotel apparently knew of Karpis coming into Hot Springs from time to time, and that any one of them would have told Akers about it had he contacted them in that regard. Needless to say, Della feels that Akers made a "chump" out of her, and now believes that the only reason he kept her interested in the case is that he figured she would not go to another law enforcement agency with the information in her possession at that time.

Agents questioned Della May Jeffries whether anyone else knew that she was furnishing information to "Dutch" Akers relative to Alvin Karpis from December, 1935, to March, 1936, and she advised that her sister, Velda Burford, was fully aware of her contacts with Akers at that time. In this connection she stated that she usually tells her sister everything, and that it is possible that she may recall other incidents and information that she, Della, can't remember now. Della stated that her sister has a very good memory, and suggested that she be interviewed.

On July 30, 1937, Agents Madala and Sullivan proceeded to Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and interviewed Velda Burford at her home, 312 East 5th Street, and thereafter in the Post Office Building. These interviews were conducted in the presence of her sister, Della May Jeffries, who proceeded to Pine Bluff, Arkansas with agents, and also in the presence of Miss Irma Nease, Clerk in the Little Rock Field Division. The following unsigned statement was obtained from Mrs. Velda Burford:

Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
July 30, 1937.

"I, Velda May Burford, do hereby make the following signed statement to John L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice; no threats or promises have been made to me and I am making this statement voluntarily and of my own free will and with the intention of cooperating with the Government in this matter.

"I reside at 312 East 5th Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and first came to Hot Springs in August, 1935, and lived at the Mattara Hotel for two weeks, after which my little girl and I moved to 109 Franklin Street, this being on September 6, 1935; at this time my sister, Della, was working for Grace Goldstein at the Hatterie Hotel. While my sister was working for Grace, my little daughter, Geraldine, often visited her and on different occasions the man whom I now know to be Alvin Karpis gave her some money. While I lived on Franklin Street I went to the Hatterie Hotel on a few occasions, but I do not recall ever having seen Alvin Karpis. Shortly before Thanksgiving, 1935, my sister Della moved from the Hatterie Hotel and thereafter lived with me at 109 Franklin; we lived at the Franklin Street address until the first part of December, 1935. About a week or so after we moved to 103 2nd street, my little daughter, Geraldine, saw a photograph of Alvin Karpis in a newspaper that Della had brought home; she immediately recognized it as being Grace Goldstein's boy friend whom she had seen at various times at the Hatterie Hotel. She showed this paper to Della and I recall that Della immediately left the house and went to the Hatterie Hotel with it. I do not know to whom she showed this photograph of Alvin Karpis at the Hatterie Hotel but vaguely recall that Grace Goldstein was at the Hatterie Hotel at that time.

"Prior to the time that she saw this photograph of Alvin Karpis in the paper, I recall that Della and I frequently talked about Grace's boy friend, wondering who he was and what he did for a living. We knew at that time that he had been around Hot Springs for some time and apparently was spending a great deal of money; we also knew at that time that he had taken one or two long distant trips by airplane. After Della apparently recognized the photograph of

Alvin Karpis as being Grace Goldstein's boy friend, I questioned her whether she knew all the time that he was Alvin Karpis and as I recall, Della told me that she did not; I then told her that the best thing she could do would be to report the matter to someone. I recall that a few days later Della told me that she had told Cecil Brock about Karpis being Grace's boy friend, and it seems to me that around this time she also told me that she had told "Dutch" Akers about it; I do not know now whether she told Cecil about Karpis before she talked to "Dutch" Akers about it. I further recall that shortly after she apparently told "Dutch" Akers about Karpis he had her come to the City Jail where he showed her some photographs, and I do not recall whether she said that she had identified any of the photographs that were shown to her.

"I know that after she first contacted Akers about this she would see him almost every day at the Hot Springs Confectionery and reported to him everything that she could find out from Grace Goldstein and other people. I definitely remember that around this time Connie Morris was not in Hot Springs and I heard that she had gone home to visit with her people.

"It seems to me that shortly before this photograph of Karpis appeared in the paper we had heard that Grace's boy friend had bought her a new green coupe automobile. I vaguely recall that shortly after we learned about Karpis, Grace took a trip down to her mother's place in Texas and was gone for several days; I remember that when she came back from this trip she stayed around the Hatterie Hotel for a few days and then left again for a few days.

"I further recall that shortly after New Year's Grace took another trip out of town and we heard that she had gone to New Orleans on a fishing trip, and do not remember whether Karpis went with her.

"From the time we first knew about Alvin Karpis to the time that we moved from 103 2nd Street I knew that Della had been seeing "Dutch" Akers frequently and was reporting to him everything that she had found out about Grace and Karpis; the reason that I know this to be so is because Della would tell me about her contacts with "Dutch" when she would come home.

"We moved from 103 2nd Street around the middle of January, 1936, to 123 Palm Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas. I know that "Dutch" Akers loaned Della \$45.00 with which to pay the first months rent and also know that he made it possible for Della not to pay any deposit on the utilities for that house. Della gave "Dutch" Akers several of her rings as security for the \$45.00 that "Dutch" had given her. She later gave him \$5.00 on his loan and he returned her rings and told her that she would not have to pay the remainder of the loan. I do not know why he told Della to forget about the \$40.00 which she still owed him unless it was because she was furnishing him information about Karpis and Grace Goldstein.

"Shortly after I moved to 123 Palm Street I recall that Akers would call Della occasionally and he would sit around with us and gossip about things going on around town. Generally during these visits the subject would turn to Karpis and Grace Goldstein and Della would tell him anything new that she had learned. It did not appear that Akers was visiting us at that time for the particular purpose of obtaining information concerning Karpis and Grace Goldstein. He did not appear to be very much interested in locating Karpis and after Della told him whatever she had learned since she last saw him, he would suggest that she get a little bit more information, and he would always say something about he was hot on Karpis' trail and that he would probably have Karpis before long. He told Della not to say anything to anybody about knowing that Karpis was Grace Goldstein's boy friend, and he indicated to her that there was a reward out for Karpis and that the less people there were who knew about it the more money he and she would get. He said that he would well make it worth her time.

"While Akers was visiting us at 123 Palm Street, Garnett Moore, who was also a Hot Springs Police Officer, frequently visited our house. I am certain that Della also told him that Alvin Karpis was Grace Goldstein's boy friend and I remember that Della and I would talk to Garnett about Karpis and Grace Goldstein. He knew that she had also told "Dutch" Akers about it and he told us that he would leave the whole thing up to Akers.

"During the time that "Dutch" Akers was visiting 123 Palm Street and Della was giving him information concerning the movements of Karpis and Grace Goldstein, the following Red Top Cab drivers frequently visited the house: "Curly" Dennis, Bill Humphrey, Pete Ratliff, Johnny Haines, a fellow they called Steve and another called Saratoga. A Black and White Cab Drive named Roe also frequently visited the house. All of the above cab drivers when they called at the house appeared to know that Grace Goldstein was keeping company with Alvin Karpis, as they would speak of Grace's boy friend Ed and they would often wonder why Grace would keep him up at the Hatterie Hotel rather than to turn him over to the law. I also recall that a Yellow Cab driver named Elmer, who generally parked his cab in front of the Hot Springs Confectionery or nearby, appeared to know a great deal about the movements of Grace Goldstein and her boy friend Karpis.

"I remember reading in the newspapers of the Federal Agent raiding a house on Malvern Road, about six miles from Hot Springs, and the papers said that Karpis had already left the house by the time the Agents got there. A few days before this raid "Dutch" Akers called at 123 Palm Street late one afternoon with a short, slender young man, who had a mustache, and the name of Damron sounds familiar to me. Akers and the other man talked with Della in another room. Before they left

Della came back and asked me whether I could identify Alvin Karpis if I saw him and I told her that I could not as I had never seen him. Della left the room and talked with Akers and the other man for a short while before they left. After they left Della told me that Akers had introduced the man with him as a friend of some young man who had had a date with Connie Morris and that this young man had gotten a dose of gonorrhea from Connie; that Akers had asked her if she had a photograph of Connie Morris and after she had given Akers Connie's photograph, Akers then told her that the man with him was a Government Agent, and that he and the Government man were anxious to locate Connie Morris who was then out of town. I believe that "Dutch" Akers returned alone on the night after he came to 123 Palm Street with the Government Agent, and he appeared to be interested in catching Karpis after the Government man came to the house with him.

"I cannot remember how often Akers visited us from the time that he introduced Della to the Government Agent until we moved early in the month of April, 1936, to the Princess Hotel. I do remember that Akers did not visit us after we moved into the Princess Hotel and I feel certain that I did not speak with Akers from that time until I left Hot Springs in July, 1936.

"I have read the foregoing statement which consists of four typewritten pages and I swear that the same is true to the best of my knowledge and recollection. I have signed each page of this statement to certify that I have read the same."

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ (unsigned)

WITNESSES:

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Special Agents

Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,  
500 Rector Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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The foregoing statement was typed in the Little Rock Field Division on July 30, 1937, and when an agent is next at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Velda Burford will be contacted and asked to sign this statement.

Velda Burford could not remember the name of the paper in which she saw the photograph of Alvin Karpis at the time in question, nor did she know to what persons her sister, Della, showed the photograph at the Hatterie Hotel. She was certain that Grace Goldstein was around Hot Springs at that time. Velda stated that there is no question in her mind that "Dutch" Akers could have apprehended Alvin Karpis in Hot Springs at any time during the period that her sister was contacting him regarding Karpis and Grace Goldstein. She stated that it was generally known around Hot Springs that Karpis was in and out of town, and that anyone would have told Akers about it, had he contacted them in that regard. Velda stated that Akers certainly made a "chump" out of her sister, and that there is no doubt in her mind about Akers having known all the time that Karpis was hiding in Hot Springs.

Both Velda Burford and Della May Jeffries promised to give this matter considerable thought, and advised that should they recall any further information which might be of value to this investigation, they will immediately get in touch with the agents at Hot Springs.

On July 31, 1937, after Della May Jeffries returned to the Hatterie Hotel, contact was had with her and she was again questioned by Agents Madala and Suttler in the lobby of the Majestic Hotel. She advised that Grace Goldstein is very much worried about the investigation now in progress at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that she is of the belief that she will be prosecuted along with the other prospective defendants. She stated that Grace believes that Connie Morris was picked up by agents and thoroughly questioned, and that Connie has told the entire truth in the matter, involving several people in Hot Springs, including herself, Grace.

Della May Jeffries advised that she asked Grace Goldstein upon her return to the Hatterie Hotel on the night of July 30, 1937, whether Karpis and Hunter ever stayed in a cottage at Milan's Landing, and Grace replied that they had for a period of two weeks, not specifying the time. She stated that Grace further told her that Karpis and Hunter lived in another cottage on Lake Hamilton around this time, and that the delivery boy from the Craighead Laundry suspected that they were gangsters, and reported this information to Joe Scott, who was then on the Hot Springs Police Force, and that Joe Scott was supposed to have given the same to "Dutch" Akers.

Della May Jeffries stated that Grace Goldstein also told her that Fred Hunter stayed at the Marquette Hotel on one occasion, but that Grace would not volunteer just when that was. She further stated that Grace told her that the paper in which she, Della, saw and recognized the photograph of Alvin Karpis, as related in her signed statement, was a Sunday Chicago Herald Examiner paper. It will be recalled that this picture, allegedly appeared in the paper around the first part of December, 1935, according to various persons interviewed thus far. Della stated that she is positive that she gave the paper containing Karpis' photograph to Grace Goldstein on the occasion that she brought it to the Hatterie Hotel, shortly after she observed it at her home on Second Street. She advised that Grace probably still has the paper with the photograph, and that it would be in her trunk, where she has considerable other clippings and photographs of Karpis.



Della May Jeffries advised that she saw Cecil Brock on the street the day after agents interviewed her, and that Cecil questioned her relative to what the Bureau attempted to elicit from her. She stated that she told him that she was questioned particularly as to the amount and the manner of the payoff to the City Administration from the various vice resorts in Hot Springs.

Agents will keep in contact with Della May Jeffries, and she will report from time to time any information that she is able to pick up through conversations with Grace Goldstein and others.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents John L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan at Memphis, Tennessee, on July 23 and 25, 1937:

Investigation by the Memphis Field Division disclosed that Greta Gilstrap, alias Greta Swanson, is presently residing at 277 $\frac{1}{2}$  Madison Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. On July 23, 1937, agents located Greta Gilstrap at the above address and brought her to the Memphis Field Office, where she was interviewed in great detail on July 23, 1937 and July 25, 1937, and the following signed statement obtained:

Memphis, Tennessee  
July 25, 1937.

"I, Jewel Greta Gilstrap, do hereby make the following signed statement to John L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. I am making this statement voluntarily and of my own free will, no threats or promises having been made to me.

"I was born at Texarkana, Texas on September 1, 1912. I married Henry Curtis at New Boston, Texas on or about 1925 and divorced him two or three years later. Thereafter, during the summer of 1933, I married Charles Livingston, a cab driver, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and we were divorced at Texarkana in February or March of 1934. I married my present husband, N. F. Gilstrap at Hot Springs, Arkansas on February 26, 1935. He is a private at the Headquarter Troop, Second Cavalry, U. S. Army, and is now stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas.

"I first became acquainted with Grace Goldstein at Texarkana, Texas in 1932, while I was hustling in the Tulsa Rooms at 210 $\frac{1}{2}$  Texas Avenue for Irene Mulch. I recall that Grace Goldstein told me at that time that if I came to Hot Springs, she would give me employment at her house, which was then located at the Broadway Hotel. I worked for Grace at this address up until November 1933 when the building burned. Grace left, and I believe she went to New Orleans, Louisiana, where she stayed for about six months. Upon her return she

opened a house of prostitution at 1338 S. Central Avenue, Hot Springs, Ark., and I went to work for her for two or three months, and at that time was the only girl employed by her at first. I then quit my job, and lived with my husband, Charlie Livingston, at Hot Springs for six or eight months. This was during the summer and fall of 1934. After I left Livingston, I went to Texarkana, Texas and was employed at the Tulsa Rooms at 210½ Texas Avenue, where I remained until the late spring of 1935, when I returned to Hot Springs, Ark.

"Upon my return to Hot Springs, Grace Goldstein and some of her girls were living at the Virginia Apartments, and I learned from her that the Sheriff's Office had raided her house at 1338 S. Central Avenue, and padlocked it. I recall that we stayed at the Virginia Apartments for about a week, and we then moved to a house at 123 Palm Street. At that time Connie Morris, Ginger Morgan, Jackie Nichols and myself were employed by Grace Goldstein. A colored woman named Lillian was employed by Grace as a cook. I recall that Grace then owned and was driving a new green Chevrolet Coupe. I believe that we stayed at this house for about six weeks.

"After we had been there for around three weeks, Darrel Tisdale who operates the Manhattan Bar on Ouachita Avenue with his brother, Earl, called me on night and said he was sending up a couple of fellows who had been drinking at his place. A short while later two young men called at the house, and said they were the men that Tisdale had sent down. I remember that both of these men were wearing old clothes, and looked as though they might have been fishing. They said that they were brothers. I understood from what they said, that they had just gotten in town. They stayed around for about an hour, and then left without having a date with any of the girls. I recall they were driving a new black Ford Coupe. They did not introduce themselves, but I later learned that they went by the names of Ed and Harold King. From a group of photographs I have selected the photograph of Alvin Karpis, and state that this is the photograph of Ed King, and I identify the photograph of Fred Hunter, as the man who was known to me as Harold King. Hereafter I will call these men by their right names.

"The following night Karpis and Hunter returned, and were dressed in nice clothes. I was out on a call when they came to the house, but when I returned they were drinking beer with Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris in the dining room. I believe it was that night that Hunter had a date with Connie, and Ginger got drunk and was upset because Hunter had picked Connie rather than her. I recall that Karpis kept company with Grace that night.

"The next morning Karpis and Hunter left the house, and thereafter when I got up around seven or eight o'clock, Grace asked me whether I wanted to drive out to the lake with her to return some money which Karpis had

lost in her car the previous night. We drove out to a cottage near Carpenter's Dam where Karpis and Hunter were staying, and Grace returned to them the money that they lost, which was about \$10.00 or \$12.00. We left a short while later and returned to town. After that Karpis and Hunter would visit 123 Palm Street every day at some time or other. Karpis always kept company with Grace Goldstein, and Hunter was always with Connie Morris, and they frequently stayed overnight at the house with these girls. They said that they had a night club in Chicago, and were in Hot Springs on a vacation. About a week after I first saw Karpis and Hunter, I received a telegram advising me that Norris Gilstrap, whom I later married, was sick at Fort Riley, Kansas. When I was speaking of leaving, Karpis told me that Hunter was going to take a plane to Tulsa, Oklahoma the following morning, and he suggested that I go along with Hunter as far as Tulsa, and that he would pay my plane fare from Tulsa to Fort Riley. I declined his offer, because I did not know him very well at that time, and I went to Fort Riley, Kansas by bus, where I remained for about a week, before I returned to Hot Springs, Arkansas. On my return, Karpis and Hunter continued to spend practically all of their time at 123 Palm Street, in the company of Grace and Connie.

"I remember one night about seven or eight o'clock, Chief of Detectives "Dutch" Akers called at 123 Palm Street, and he talked with Connie Morris about her making a payment on a diamond ring which he had sold her. I believe she said that she paid Akers \$75.00 for this ring. I do not believe that Connie made a payment on the ring that night, as she was low on funds. Akers sat around the living room, talking with Grace Goldstein and the rest of us girls for about an hour, and I left to answer a call just as he was leaving. I remember that "Dutch" was telling Grace that night, that the neighbors were complaining about the noise and disturbance at 123 Palm Street at night, and he suggested that she move. He said that she had been padlocked at 1338 S. Central Avenue, because of complaints from neighbors, and that "they" would not let her run a place in a neighborhood district any longer, and that she would have to get a place somewhere downtown in the business district. Akers mentioned that she might be able to rent a hotel or rooming house, located on the second floor in a building near the Hatterie Hotel. He said that this place had 14 rooms and was unfurnished.

"The next day Grace went out looking around the downtown district for a place where we could move. I remember that she said that she could not understand why she could not run a place in the residential neighborhood, and she said that she was going down to see someone higher than "Dutch" Akers to see what could be done about this. I recall that she later said that "they" had told her that she would have to get a place in the business district. I do not know who she saw on this occasion. She looked around for a place where we could move, and I remember she said that the man who owned

the place which "Dutch" Akers had suggested, would not rent his rooms except for a legitimate rooming house. I recall that she later went to Hill Wheatley and rented the Hatterie Hotel on Central Avenue from him. She said that she was paying him \$75.00 a month for this place.

"At different times while we resided at 123 Palm Street, I have seen "Dutch" Akers park his car in front of the house, shortly after Grace Goldstein would receive a telephone call. On these occasions, "Dutch" would not leave his car, but Grace would get her purse and leave the house, and drive away in "Dutch's" car. She would return in a few minutes with Akers, and leave his car and would come in the house, and "Dutch" would drive away. During the entire time we stayed at Palm Street, and thereafter during the time that I was employed at the Hatterie Hotel, we were never raided by the police, nor were we ever brought down to the Police Department to pay a fine.

"A few days before July 4, 1935, we all moved to the Hatterie Hotel. I recall that Karpis and Hunter continued to visit Grace and Connie after we moved to the Hatterie, and that a couple of days before July 4th they left together, and Hunter said they were going to Muskogee, Oklahoma to visit a friend. I remember they were away on 4th of July, but they returned a day or two later, and I remember that there car was damaged. Karpis said that Hunter went to sleep at the wheel, and turned the car over on a dirt road, near a swimming pool just outside of Hot Springs, Arkansas. I saw the car, and remember that there was a large dent on the side of the top of the car.

"Around this time I went out swimming one afternoon with Karpis, Hunter and Connie Morris at the Ozark Lithia Pool on the outskirts of Hot Springs. This is the only time I went swimming with Karpis and Hunter.

"Karpis and Hunter spent practically all of their time at the Hatterie Hotel, and would frequently stay overnight. They would park their Ford Coupe in front of the Hotel.

"I recall that about a week or so after we moved to the Hatterie Hotel, Dorothy Cathey obtained a room at the Hatterie. She was sick at that time, and was not working. However, when she felt better she began to hustle out of there. I believe she left Grace's place in July of 1936.

"About a week or ten days after the fourth of July, Karpis and Hunter left Hot Springs, and I remember that they were gone about two or three weeks. While they were gone, Connie became ill and went to the hospital where she stayed for about two weeks. After she returned to the Hatterie Hotel, she received a letter from Hunter from Canada which contained some sort of souvenir. Connie apparently did not expect them to return to Hot Springs again. I recall that about a week or so after Connie left the hospital, Karpis and Hunter returned to Hot Springs and the Hatterie Hotel. I did not see their

Ford Coupe anymore, and I do not know whether they had a car. At this time, I did not see Karpis and Hunter at the Hatterie Hotel very much, and I remember that Grace said that Karpis had bought a new motor for a boat, and that he was spending nearly all of his time out on the lake fooling around with the boat, and I remember that she frequently went out in the afternoon, and would return about 7:00 or 8:00 P.M., and she would say that she had dinner with Ed (Karpis) at his cottage on the lake.

"Shortly after Karpis was supposed to have bought his out-board motor, Grace invited Dorothy Cathey, myself and another girl, who only worked at the Hatterie Hotel for a few days, to go out for a boat ride in Karpis' boat. She drove us to Gilliam's Landing, and while we were swimming, Karpis came up the lake to Gilliam's Landing in a very fast boat, and we all rode around with him and Grace on the lake all afternoon. They did not say where he and Hunter were living at this time, but I figured that they were living somewhere in the vicinity.

"Sometime during the latter part of August of 1935, Connie was operated on at St. Joseph's Hospital by Dr. Blacke. I recall that she got out of the Hospital shortly prior to September 7, 1935, and that Grace and Hunter had considerable discussion about him paying her hospital bill. I remember that Hunter frequently visited Connie while she was confined in the hospital, and I don't believe that Karpis went with him on these visits.

"On or about September 7, 1935, I went to Fort Riley, Kansas to visit Norris Gilstrap. I recall that I was at Fort Riley when he received his pay check on September 30, 1935. I remember this date particularly because it was on a Monday, and because he was supposed to receive his pay check on the last day of the month. That evening Norris gave me \$30.00 for train fare and expenses to return to Hot Springs, Arkansas. On the following afternoon, which I recall was Tuesday (October 1, 1935), I caught a train at about 1:30 P.M. at Junction City, Kansas, and Norris came to the depot to say goodbye to me. I recall that he took leave to see me off.

"I recall that I rode on the train all night, and arrived in Hot Springs, Arkansas the following afternoon which was Wednesday, October 2, 1935. I believe that I took a Yellow Cab from the Depot to the Hatterie Hotel. When I arrived at the Hatterie Hotel, which was around 2:00 P.M., Karpis, Hunter, Ginger, Connie, Grace, Dorothy, and a third man who was introduced to me as George, were there. They all had been drinking, and I understood from what they said that Karpis, Hunter, and George were leaving the following morning at 4:00 A.M. I have selected and identified the photograph of Harry Campbell, as the man who was at the Hatterie Hotel that day, and who was called George. He told me that his right name was Cecil. Lillian, the maid, and Grace prepared a very nice dinner for all of us. I believe it was a duck dinner.

"I remember that we all had quite a bit to drink, and Harry Campbell told me that he had been there for two weeks; that he had noticed my photograph in Grace's room, and that he had asked her to send me a telegram to come back to Hot Springs, but that they did not do so, and decided to wait until I returned; that this was to be his last night in Hot Springs. I recall that Ginger told me that she had an all night date with him, the previous night. I remember Karpis telling Campbell not to drink too much, as he had a lot of driving to do the next day. I had quite a bit to drink, and was tired from my trip, and I went to bed about 9:00 P.M. The rest of them were still going strong when I went to bed. Early the next morning when it was still dark, Campbell stuck his head through the door in my room, and said goodbye. Karpis and Hunter also said goodbye to me at this time. I remember that Grace, Connie and Ginger were still up and were out in the hallway at that time. I heard the three men say goodbye to the other girls, but I did not get out of bed. From the way that these men talked, and from what Grace and Connie said, I do not believe that Karpis, Hunter and Campbell were expected to return. I did not get up until about noon that day, and I do not know whether Grace and-or Connie left the hotel that morning before I got up.

"I recall that shortly after Karpis and Hunter left on this occasion, Mary came to work for Grace Goldstein, and thereafter frequently took charge of the house while Grace would be away.

"About a week or ten days after Mary started working for Grace, Grace took a trip to her mother's farm near Paris, Texas. She was gone about a week on this trip, and when she returned she brought with her her niece, Margaret. She told us that Margaret's folks were quite poor, and that she had been running around with men down home; that she was going to help her out. Margaret stayed at the Hatterie Hotel. A day or two after she arrived, Grace asked me to suggest to Margaret that she entertain some of the men who visited the Hatterie. I refused to do this, telling her that she should do it herself. Grace thereafter got Mary to make the suggestion to Margaret, and Margaret then began to fill dates with men at the house. I believe Margaret was around 24 years of age.

"About a month or five weeks after Karpis, Hunter, and Campbell left Hot Springs on the morning of October 3, 1935, Connie said that she was going to visit her sister at San Antonio, Texas, which she did a few days later. I did not hear until sometime afterward that Hunter had gone with Connie on this trip. After Connie left, Grace did not spend very much time at the Hatterie Hotel, and sometimes she would be away for as long as a week, and I did not know where she was living. At those times when she returned to the hotel, she would only remain a few minutes and then leave, and that made me believe she was living somewhere with Karpis, although she did not mention that Karpis was in town at that time.

"I recall that about three weeks before Christmas of 1935, Ginger brought a newspaper to the hotel one day. I remember that this was an out-of-state newspaper, and it seems to me it may have been a Cleveland newspaper. This paper had large headlines concerning Alvin Karpis. I cannot remember what the newspaper article stated, but I do recall that there was a photograph of Alvin Karpis beside the article which appeared on the front page of the paper. Dorothy, Ginger, Margaret, the negro maid Lillian, and myself were in the kitchen when Ginger showed us the newspaper, and she said that her sister's little girl had seen the picture of Alvin Karpis, and had recognized it as being the photograph of the man we knew as Ed King. I remember that we all looked at the photograph, and I and Lillian remarked that it didn't look very much like Ed, but Ginger thought it was a good likeness of him. I cannot remember seeing Margaret in the company of Karpis before this time, but she apparently had met him somewhere, as she expressed her opinion that the photograph of Karpis did not look very much like Ed King. I recall that Grace was not present on this occasion, and Ginger gave the newspaper to Margaret, so she could give it to Grace when she came in. Late that evening when Grace came to the hotel, Margaret showed her the newspaper which Grace read. She appeared to be surprised upon seeing the article and photograph in the paper, and I remember that she remarked that the photograph of Karpis did not look very much like Ed. She scolded Margaret for not destroying the newspaper, after she thought that the photograph was that of her boy friend, Ed. She told all of us not to mention to anyone what we had seen in the newspaper, and particularly not to mention it to Ed. While we were discussing whether it actually was the photograph of Ed King, Grace said that she would see Ed's boy friend to find out whether it was in fact him. I do not know who she was referring to when she spoke of Ed's friend.

"A couple of nights later Karpis came to the Hatterie Hotel. This is the first time I had seen him since he left with Hunter and Campbell on the morning of October 3, 1935. Grace came in with him, and they sat in the living room for a few minutes. Dorothy and I said hello to Karpis, and he then took Margaret into her room where he talked privately with her for about fifteen minutes. I remember Grace was upset and worried as to what Karpis and Margaret were talking about, and she said that she hoped that Margaret would not mention to him that we had seen his photograph in the newspaper a few days before. Grace also said that she would be glad when Margaret left. Karpis and Grace left a few minutes after he and Margaret returned to the living room. Margaret told me that night that Karpis had given her \$20.00 and had told her to return to her home; that she had no business to be in a place like the Hatterie Hotel. The next day, Margaret left the hotel, and returned to her home in Texas on a bus. After she left, Grace told me that she and Karpis had a devil of an argument the night before after they left the Hatterie Hotel over some things that Margaret had told him; that apparently Margaret had told him everything she knew.



"I recall that a few days after Margaret left Hot Springs, Karpis bought Grace a green Buick Coupe. Shortly after she got this car, she said that she was going to visit her mother in Texas. At that time she said that she didn't have any license plates for her new car, and that she was going to get a set of license plates from Joe Wakelin, as he had offered to lend her the plates off of his car. Before she left on this trip, she indicated that she probably would spend Christmas with her mother; that she did not know what the boys were going to do, nor what Connie intended to do over Christmas. I recall that Grace returned alone on or about December 19, 1935, and she mentioned that she had visited her mother and helped to straighten up her mother's house for Christmas. She asked me whether I had seen Connie or Hunter, and I told her that I had not. Grace did not live at the hotel for the next two or three days, but was in and out of there inquiring whether Connie and Hunter had yet arrived. About two days before December 23, 1935, Connie and Hunter came to the hotel and asked for Grace. Grace was not there, and Connie then asked me whether I knew where Grace was, and I told her that I did not know. They said they would return that night, which they did. A few minutes after they arrived, Grace came to the hotel and talked with them. They did not remain very long when all three left together.

"I recall that Norris Gilstrap who I married on December 26, 1935, arrived for a Christmas visit on December 22, 1935. On the following night, December 23, 1935, Karpis and Grace came to the hotel at about 9:00 P.M. They stayed around until about 1:00 A.M. We did considerable drinking that night, and I remember that Mary and a girl named Florence who had worked there for about three weeks, and who left shortly afterwards, and my husband were also there. I remember that Grace told Norris and myself about Karpis fishing when they went down to her mother's place the week before, and I remember her saying that she had taken the outboard motor of Karpis down with her, and that he spent some time fishing with it, and she laughed while telling about Karpis wearing a large ten-gallon hat while they were in Texas. I believe he wore this large hat that night.

"I recall that Karpis talked with Norris most of the night about Kansas, and he seemed to know a great deal about Fort Riley, Kansas, and also mentioned that he had a sister in Topeka, Kansas, and that he was practically raised around there. On the following day Norris asked me who Ed really was, and I told him that all I knew that he was Ed King. He said that he looked a lot like Alvin Karpis; that there was a photograph of Karpis at his Troop Headquarters, and he asked me whether I knew who Alvin Karpis was. The name was not familiar to me, and he thereupon told me that Karpis was a notorious criminal who was badly wanted. I then recalled that Karpis was the name I had seen on the newspaper photograph sometime before at the Hatterie Hotel. We talked this over for sometime and were fairly certain

that Ed King was in fact Alvin Karpis. Norris told me that I was in a tight place, and that the best thing the both of us could do, was to keep quiet about it, because if we informed on him there was a possibility that we might get "bumped off" by some of his friends. We said nothing to anyone about what we had discussed, and before leaving to return to Fort Riley, Kansas, Norris suggested that I keep away from Karpis as much as possible.

"A few days before Grace Goldstein purchased her Buick Coupe, as I have already mentioned, she spoke with me one day and mentioned that she would like to rent "Dutch" Akers' cottage on the lake. She stated that it was a very pretty place, and that it would be a nice place to live. From what she said about the cottage, I got the impression that she had seen both the inside and outside of it. She gave as the reason for wanting that house, that Karpis had some friends coming down from the north to visit him, and she did not want them to stay at the Hatterie Hotel, or for them to know what business she was in. I do not know whether she later rented Akers' cottage, but I do know that a man and his wife did come to Hot Springs to visit Karpis around Christmas time, and she told me that these people were from Ohio, and that the woman was in society up there. I also recall Grace telling me that this woman from Ohio did not like the idea of Connie appearing at the place where she and her husband were staying, dressed in either slacks or beach pajamas.

"I recall that shortly after Christmas of 1935, I did not see Connie and Hunter anymore, and I presumed that they went away on another trip. I likewise did not see Karpis anymore after that, and I didn't know whether he was living in town or was away from Hot Springs. I remember that Grace stayed around the Hatterie Hotel quite a bit from New Years to about February 1, 1936. I distinctly recall that on New Years Eve, she and I and another girl went to the Southern Grill where they had some kind of entertainment.

"During the month of January, 1936, Grace Goldstein frequently went out nights with Chief of Police Joe Wakelin. On two or three occasions, I heard her talk with him over the telephone, and arrange a meeting place with him. On one occasion I heard her say that she would meet him near the Park Hotel. As I recall she would usually leave the Hatterie Hotel around 8:00 or 9:00 P.M. when she would go out to meet Wakelin. At one time I heard Grace ask Wakelin over the telephone as to what car he would be in.

"On one occasion during the month of January 1936, Dorothy Cathey and I were in Dorothy's room, and Grace came in and started talking to us. She said that she had bumped into "Dutch" Akers on the street while she was driving with Karpis; that she introduced Karpis to "Dutch", and that Karpis was half drunk at the time, and had his had pulled down over his eyes. Sometime later in Grace's room, Grace told me that "Dutch" Akers had asked her whether she got her new car from her boy friend, and he remarked to her

that she must have run into a couple of live wires. She told me that Akers then asked her if that was her boy friend who was with her in her car when she introduced him to Akers, and she told him that it was, and she told me that Akers said he seemed to be a pretty nice fellow. Dorothy and I talked about these different statements that Graco made about Akers and Karpis, and neither of us believed what she said. We figured that Grace was trying to throw us off the track by making it appear, that "Dutch" Akers considered Karpis all right and a nice fellow. Up to this time Grace had never admitted to us that she knew that Ed King was really Alvin Karpis, and we never let her know that we positively that Ed was Karpis.

"I have been shown a photograph of Sam Coker, and I identify it as a man known to me as Tommy who called at the Hatterie Hotel a couple of times within a few days after December 23, 1935. I remember that he asked whether Connie, Grace, Karpis or Hunter were around, and Mary told him that they were not at the time. I had heard Grace and some of the other girls speak of Tommy before this, as a friend of Karpis and Hunter, and I understood that he had been in Hot Springs during the time I was visiting Norris in Fort Riley, Kansas in September, 1935, and that Jackie Nichols filled dates with him. I never did see Tommy with Karpis or Hunter, and I never saw him around the hotel after he visited there on the above two occasions.

"After Connie and Hunter left Hot Springs after Christmas of 1935, I did not see her again until about a week or ten days before Federal Agents raided the Woodcock home on Malvern Road. I remember that on this occasion she came to the Hatterie Hotel alone. She had been drinking, and she said that she intended to get "tight". Mary, Dorothy and myself were at the hotel, and she came to my room and talked with Dorothy and me. She said that Hunter would probably give her the devil when she got back to the lake, because she had left, but she did not mention where they were living, except that it was out in the sticks. She left after about thirty minutes. I believe it was the next day that she returned to the hotel, and had all her baggage and clothes with her. Her lip was bruised and her knees were skinned. I asked her what had happened to her, and she told me that she had fallen down the steps. However, I later learned from Grace Goldstein that Hunter had beaten Connie up for leaving the house where they had been staying, and had driven into town. Grace also told me that what had really happened was - that Karpis and Hunter came into town when they found that Connie had left their place; that they had located her downtown, and followed her car to the Woodcock home; that they had told her and Grace to watch to see if a car was behind them upon reaching the road which led to their house, and to go straight ahead if they did notice a car behind them. Grace said that Connie did not do as she had been directed, but turned off the highway without looking back, and she and Hunter got into an argument about it.

"After Connie moved into the Hatterie Hotel on the above occasion, she hustled for about two or three days when she learned that she had a case of gonorrhea. She was very much upset over this fact. Either that night or the following night, a cab driver named Brock who is a brother of Officer Cecil Brock, called at the Hatterie Hotel and talked with Connie Morris in the living room. He appeared to be drunk. He left about twelve or one o'clock in the morning, and I remember that after he left, Connie talked with Grace in Grace's room. The next day when I got up at about 1:00 P.M., I noticed that Grace and Connie were not in the hotel, and Lillian, the maid, told me that Connie had gotten word that her mother was sick, and she had gone home. I did not see Connie anymore after that. That night, I recall that Grace returned to the hotel around seven o'clock, and she called Brock and told him to come over to the hotel, which he did. She talked to him in her room in a loud voice, and cussed him out, and accused him of coming to the hotel and getting a picture of Connie which he was going to turn over to the G-men. She said that she knew that he had double-crossed Connie; that he had told Connie how much he had been paid to come up to the hotel for the purpose of questioning Connie concerning Karpis and Hunter, and that he would of gone ahead with it, had he not gotten drunk and told her everything about it. She told him that he had better watch his step, or he would be taken for a ride. I also recall Grace telling him that he need not think he was so smart, that she already knew that the G-men were in town before he told Connie. Brock admitted everything that Grace had charged him with, and he had very little to say. I do not remember that Grace left the hotel that night, and I believe she was still there when I went to bed around 2:00 A.M. I do not believe she knew that I overheard what she said to Brock.

"I got up around noon the next day, and I don't believe that Grace was in the hotel at that time. I also recall that the dog, "Shine", disappeared around this time.

"I do not remember what took place around the Hatterie Hotel until the day when the G-men raided the Woodcock home for Alvin Karpis. I recall that on this day I got out of bed in the afternoon, and read in the paper all about the raid. I believe that Grace was there that afternoon. That night we missed her and we were worried because we did not know where she had gone. She did not return to the hotel until about three o'clock the following afternoon. She had a cut on her forehead, and some bruises on her body, and she said that she had turned her car over on the highway. After Karpis was arrested Grace told me that she had made one trip to her home in Texas shortly before the raid, and had told her brother to get rid of some shirts and other clothes which belonged to Karpis and had his laundry mark on them. She told me that she later began to worry as to whether her brother had destroyed the shirts and other articles that belonged to Karpis, and she said that she made another trip down to Texas after the raid to find out whether her brother had done what she had told him to do. She told me that she destroyed Karpis' shirts when she got home after she found that her brother had not already done so; that she hadn't had any sleep the night before, and was dead tired, and she laid down for only a couple of hours before she left to return to Hot Springs. She said

that she brought back with her a gun which belonged to Karpis and which had been kept at her home. She told me that she was so sleepy on the way back, that she did not know what happened, but that she must have fallen asleep and turned over; that she called a wrecker at Hot Springs, and some people drove her into Hot Springs in an old model Ford car.

"I recall that on the night that Connie moved into the Hatterie Hotel before the raid on the Woodcock home, she told me that she was tired of staying up all night and losing sleep, waiting for the place to be shot up, and for Hunter to start shooting his machine gun.

"After Karpis was arrested I heard Grace Goldstein speaking with Connie one day about her experiences while she was keeping company with Karpis. She told Connie she figured she had enough load to carry in watching a large amount of money which was kept in their house on or near Fincel Street, but that when some scare came up, Karpis left her at the house with the money and she had to stay there alone with it for two days.

"Grace also told me after Karpis was caught that she felt that "Dutch" Akers had double-crossed her around the time of the Woodcock raid, because he was coming up to the hotel, and getting information from her and then giving it to the G-men.

"After Karpis was arrested, Grace Goldstein told me in speaking of the period around the Woodcock raid when she was being questioned by various officers, that she went down to Palm Street to see Ginger. Grace said that sometime before that Akers had loaned Ginger the money to rent this house on Palm Street where she was answering calls, and that Akers had been keeping company with her. I knew that what Grace said about Ginger answering calls on Palm Street was true, as Ginger had called me down there one night to fill a date. Grace said that when she saw Ginger, she asked whether she had been questioned by Akers or any other officer, and Ginger told her that Akers was the only officer that had questioned her about Karpis. Grace told me that she believed that Ginger had not only been questioned by Akers, but had also been questioned by other officers outside of Hot Springs, and that Ginger had given them a lot of information about Karpis.

"I have read the foregoing statement which consists of eleven type-written pages, and I swear that the same is true to the best of my knowledge and recollection."

(Signed) Jewel Gretta Gilstrap

Witnesses:

/s/ D. P. Sullivan

/s/ John L. Madala

Special Agents,

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice,

500 Rector Building,

Little Rock, Arkansas.

The original and copy of the above signed statement is being retained in the files of the Little Rock Field Division.

In addition to her statement, Greta Gilstrap advised that her maiden name is Jewel Greta White; that she has known Herbert "Dutch" Akers ever since she came to Hot Springs in 1932; that sometime during April of 1933, she was in the market for a used car, and that Akers in some manner found out about it; that he approached her relative to selling her a 1931 Model A Ford Coupe, which he stated belonged to his wife. Greta advised that she thereafter purchased this automobile from Akers for a consideration of \$250.00; that Akers gave her a bill of sale for this car, and that she registered the same in the State of Arkansas, and also purchased a Hot Springs Vehicle Tag for it. She went on to state that she drove this automobile around Hot Springs for about five months, and that in the fall of 1933 she and her former husband, Charlie Livingston, drove to Tampa, Florida in it. She stated that upon their arrival in Tampa, she sold the instant car to a used car dealer for \$150.00; that she does not recall the name of this dealer, but is sure that Livingston would know it, as he was raised around Tampa, Florida, and in fact suggested that she go to the particular dealer to whom she sold the car. Greta stated that at the time she negotiated for the sale of the car, the used car dealer asked her where she had purchased the same, and when Greta informed him that she got it from the Chief of Detectives at Hot Springs, Arkansas, he took it at its face value. Greta was not certain as to whether she registered the said car under the name of Greta Swanson or Jewell White.

The foregoing corroborates the information secured from Grace Goldstein by Special Agent in Charge Chapmon Fletcher, and considering the same, it appears that Akers sold Greta Swanson a stolen car on the above occasion, knowing the same to have been stolen. The Statute of Limitations has apparently run on this crime.

From a perusal of the signed statement submitted by Greta Gilstrap, particularly as to the time Karpis and Hunter first appeared at the house of prostitution of Grace Goldstein at 123 Palm Street, it would appear that this date was on or about June 5, 1935, as it has been definitely established that Karpis and Hunter registered into Cottage #13 at Carpenter's Dam on that date. As to the information indicating that Darrel and Earl Tisdale of the Manhattan Bar, referred them to Grace Goldstein's place at the above time, it is believed that Fred Hunter made the acquaintance of the Tisdale brothers during the time he was being treated for a venereal disease by Dr. Paul Z. Browne in Hot Springs from May 6, 1935 to May 27, 1935.

Greta Swanson was questioned at great length concerning what police officers visited 123 Palm Street during the time Grace Goldstein operated a house of prostitution at that address. She was positive in stating that "Dutch" Akers and Arch Cooper were the only officers she saw call on the girls there



during that period. She would not place Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter in the house at 123 Palm Street at those times when Akers and Captain Cooper called there, nor would she state that they were in the house on those occasions when Akers called for Grace, and thereafter rode around the block with her, as is mentioned in Mrs. Gilstrap's signed statement.

With reference to the time that Karpis, Hunter, and Harry Campbell were supposed to have left Hot Springs, after living on Lake Hamilton for a while, Greta Gilstrap was somewhat positive that this time was in the early morning of October 3, 1935. She stated that she did not see Fred Hunter nor Sam Coker at the Hatterie Hotel, nor at any other place, during the next two or three days, and for this reason, and from conversations overheard by her on the night of October 2, 1935, she is positive that all of the boys left at the above indicated time. This date of departure substantiates the first information received from Morris Loftis and Grace Goldstein, indicating that Karpis, Hunter, Campbell and Coker, moved from Dyer's Landing on Lake Hamilton on October 2, 1935.

As to the information provided by Greta Gilstrap to the effect that Grace Goldstein drove her niece, Margaret, from Paris, Texas, to Hot Springs, Arkansas, in October, 1935, and thereafter caused her to be influenced to practice prostitution in the Hatterie Hotel, it would appear that these facts indicate a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act.

Greta Gilstrap was questioned at great length as to the time she first became aware of the identity of Alvin Karpis, and she was insistent in stating that it was when Ginger showed her a newspaper photograph of him during the early part of December, 1935. She advised that at this time all of the girls who were employed in Grace's house then learned, and were aware, of the identity of Karpis.

With reference to the information indicating that Grace Goldstein intended to borrow a set of license plates from Chief of Police Joe Wakelin for her new Buick Coupe, in order that she could make a trip to her mother's farm at Paris, Texas, it might be stated that Chief Wakelin admitted to Inspector E. J. Connolley that he loaned Grace Goldstein the license plates of his Auburn automobile, in order that she could make the above indicated trip. It might also be mentioned that Cecil Brock, former police officer at Hot Springs, admitted to agents that on one occasion shortly after Grace Goldstein purchased her Buick Coupe, Chief Wakelin requested him to go to the Hatterie Hotel and take his license plates off of Grace Goldstein's car. Brock stated that he contacted Grace in this regard, and she permitted him to remove the plates from her car and return them to Chief Wakelin.

The above information is of some significance, as it appears from the statement of Greta Gilstrap, that Grace Goldstein drove Alvin Karpis to her mother's farm at Paris, Texas, in the car that carried Chief Wakelin's license plates.



It should be noted that Greta Gilstrap does not admit that she again saw Alvin Karpis, after she definitely assured herself of his identity. This information probably is false, as other witnesses have already stated that Karpis frequently visited the Hatterie Hotel subsequent to the time that Mrs. Gilstrap asserts she definitely became aware of his true identity, and the fact that he was a Government fugitive from justice.

With reference to the conversation between Greta Gilstrap and Grace Goldstein relative to the renting of "Dutch" Akers' summer home on Lake Catherine, it should be noted that the man and wife from Ohio referred to by Grace Goldstein, no doubt is Clayton Hall and his wife, who are known to have visited Grace Goldstein and Alvin Karpis from December 8 to 22, 1935, at Hot Springs, Arkansas. It is not known whether Grace Goldstein subsequently rented Akers' summer home, as was indicated by her. Previous investigation disclosed that Karpis and Goldstein were living at 602 South Third Street, and 124 Fincel Street during this period.

With reference to Grace Goldstein's intimacy with Chief of Police Joe Wakelin, Greta Gilstrap advised that to her knowledge this association had existed ever since she first came to Hot Springs in 1932. She emphatically stated that she never saw Wakelin at any of Grace Goldstein's houses of prostitution, nor did she ever see the two together riding in a car or on the street; She admitted that she very often heard Grace talk with Chief Wakelin over the telephone, and make dates with him; that she has also heard other girls in the house talk about Grace's friendship with Wakelin. It might be well to mention at this point, that Alvin Karpis admitted to Bureau agents that the reason he consorted with Grace Goldstein at Hot Springs, was because he knew that she was friendly with Chief of Police Joe Wakelin, and that he was supplying her with the movements of Government agents when they would come to Hot Springs.

Relative to that portion of Greta Gilstrap's statement where she related conversations she had with Grace Goldstein regarding Akers meeting Alvin Karpis on the street in Hot Springs, and that Akers remarked that he thought Alvin Karpis was a fine fellow, Greta was of the opinion that Grace Goldstein told her of the above, ostensibly to lead her to believe that neither she nor "Dutch" Akers thought that Karpis was "hot", and to create the impression that he was all right. Further, that she probably desired to remove from her, Greta's, mind any doubt or suspicion that Greta might have entertained about Karpis at that time.

Greta Gilstrap advised that there is no question in her mind that "Dutch" Akers had knowledge that Alvin Karpis was in Hot Springs, and was consorting with Grace Goldstein. She was also positive that Chief of Police Joe Wakelin knew that Karpis was in town. She, however, could not or would not provide any additional information indicating that Akers and Wakelin permitted Karpis to remain in Hot Springs without apprehension.

With reference to the other prostitutes who lived and were employed by Grace Goldstein at the Hatterie Hotel and 123 Palm Street, Greta advised Jackie Nichols worked for Grace at both the Palm Street address and the Hatterie Hotel; that Jackie is presently engaged in prostitution at 321 Monroe Street, Memphis, Tennessee. She further advised that Dorothy Cathey worked for Grace for a short time at the Hatterie Hotel, and that Dorothy is probably in possession of considerable information that might be of value to this investigation. Greta advised that when she last heard from Dorothy Cathey, she was at her home in Texas, near the Mexican border; that Dorothy has a sister whose husband owns a furniture store at Hobbs, New Mexico; that she probably could be located through this source. Greta further stated that Pauline Hargrove also was employed by Grace Goldstein for a short while at the Hatterie Hotel during the time Karpis was supposed to have visited there, and that Pauline is at present travelling in Mississippi, exact whereabouts unknown; that Pauline's mother is Mrs. Flor Edmonston, and she lives at 758 Madison Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. Greta advised that Pauline could probably be located through her mother, if agents desired to interview her. This will be done at a later date.

On July 24, 1937 Special Agent John L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan located Jackie Nichols at 321 Monroe Street, Memphis, Tennessee, and brought her to the Memphis Field Division, where she was interviewed in detail by the above agents. She advised that her correct name is Gertrude Theresa Nichols, and she submitted the following signed statement, the original of which is being retained in the files of the Little Rock Field Division.

Memphis, Tennessee  
July 24, 1937.

"I, Gertrude Theresa Nichols, do hereby make the following signed statement to John L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. I am making this statement voluntarily and of my own free will.

"I was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on January 15, 1914. In 1929 I married Lee Caler at Henrietta, Texas, and divorced him in Henrietta sometime during 1934. Later on I married Thomas J. Wright at Texarkana, Texas. This was on February 6, 1936. I believe I am still married to him.

"I first met Grace Goldstein while I was attending school in New Orleans, Louisiana. At that time she was operating a house of prostitution at 321 Broadway, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and I met her through a girl named Rachel Thrillkill who at that time was working for my mother in Hot Springs. I believe this was either in 1931 or 1932. I have been engaged in the practice of prostitution since 1933.

"I recall that during the late spring or early summer of 1935, I obtained employment with Grace Goldstein, who was then operating a house of prostitution at 1338 S. Central Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas. On the first night I went to work for her, Marion Anderson and some other Deputy Sheriffs

raided Grace's place for liquor, and padlocked it. We moved the telephone to a vacant house across the street from 1338 S. Central Avenue, from where we could answer calls. Grace and the rest of the girls, including myself, moved to an apartment in the Virginia Apartments where we stayed for a week or ten days. Grace then rented a house at 123 Palm Street. At that time the following girls were employed by Grace Goldstein: Ginger Morgan, Greta Swanson, Connie Morris and myself. A colored girl named Lillian was employed by Grace as a cook and maid.

"About two or three weeks after we moved to 123 Palm Street, this being on or about June 5, 1935, I returned to the house one night, and the other girls told me about a couple of young men who were dressed in old fishing clothes who had been at the house earlier that same evening. The next night these same two men returned in their good clothes. They sat around and drank with Grace Goldstein and the rest of the girls. This night they were accompanied by a tall young man who I understood had originally brought these two fellows to Grace's house. I do not know this young man's name, but recall that he went around with a guitar player, and both of them used to hang around the Manhattan Bar on Ouachita Street in Hot Springs, this place being owned by Earl and Darrell Tisdale. I understood that this young fellow had met the two men I have spoken of at the Manhattan Bar.

"From a group of photographs I have selected the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter, and identify them as being the photographs of the two young men who visited Grace Goldstein's house, as above described. They introduced themselves as Ed and Harold King, Ed being Karpis and Harold being Hunter. They stated that they were brothers and that they were night club owners where they also operated gambling games somewhere up North. I filled a date with the young man who was with Karpis and Hunter, and recall that Hunter paid me \$5.00 for this date. This was the only time I saw this young man with Karpis and Hunter.

"Thereafter during the three weeks we remained at 123 Palm Street, Karpis and Hunter visited the house at sometime practically every day, and at times would remain overnight. After two or three days, Fred Hunter began keeping steady company with Connie Morris. I do not remember that Karpis had dates with anyone at the house during the first few days after he and Hunter first came there. About two or three days after I first met Karpis, he and I arranged to go fishing, and he called for me early the following morning. We drove out near Carpenter's Dam, and fished in his boat which had a small outboard motor. After we came in from the lake, he took me to a cottage where he and Hunter were staying, and I prepared breakfast for Karpis. Hunter was there but he did not have breakfast with us. After we ate, Hunter drove me back to town. A few days after this Karpis began keeping steady company with Grace Goldstein. Thereafter she and Connie were generally with Karpis and Hunter, and would go out to their place on the lake.

"I recall that Karpis and Hunter had a new black Ford Coupe which had out-of-state license plates. They frequently stayed overnight at 123 Palm Street, and would park their car either in front of the house, or in the driveway at the rear of the house. Karpis and Hunter spent most of their time at our house, on Palm Street, and I understood that they stopped frequenting the Manhattan Bar after this. I do not know of any other place in Hot Springs that they might have visited.

"I first became acquainted with Chief of Detectives Herbert "Dutch" Akers a short time after I first began practicing prostitution in Hot Springs during 1933. He knew that I was hustling in town. I first met Captain of Police Arch Cooper before I even met "Dutch" Akers. While we were located at 123 Palm Street, "Dutch" Akers visited Grace Goldstein's place on at least two or three times to my knowledge. He and Grace Goldstein were friendly from what I could see. I remember one particular visit when Akers came to Grace's house late in the afternoon, and sat in the living room talking with Grace and the rest of the girls. I know that these visits were not in response to any complaints or calls, and they appeared to be just friendly visits on Grace Goldstein. I cannot remember that he was ever accompanied by any other police officer. I cannot recall that Karpis and Hunter were ever at 123 Palm Street when "Dutch" Akers call there. It is possible that Akers saw Karpis and Hunter there when I was not present, as I frequently was away from there on calls. Akers was then driving a coupe, and I have seen him with his wife in this same car at other times, which led me to believe that it was his own personal car rather than a police car. I recall that about a week before Grace Goldstein moved her place from 123 Palm Street, Akers called at the house one afternoon and in my presense he told Grace that the neighbors had been complaining about taxi-cabs calling at the house late at night, and about disturbances and noise, and he suggested to Grace that she move to another location.

"While we were living at 123 Palm Street, Captain of Police Arch Cooper was working at night at the Club Belvedere, a gambling place outside of Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he was employed as a bouncer. Two or three times after he got off from work around three or four o'clock in the morning, Cooper came to Grace's place and had dates with Connie Morris. One night he had a date with me, but he did not pay me for my services, and from what I have heard I understood that he never paid any prostitute for their services.

"Around the first part of July, 1935, we moved to the Hatterie Hotel on Central Avenue. I remember that Jimmy, who is Lillian's husband, helped us move and that Karpis and Hunter were present part of the time. Karpis and Hunter continued keeping company with Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris, and very often spent the entire night at the Hatterie Hotel. While there they would park their Ford Coupe either in front of the hotel or across the street. I remember that Grace and I drove out to Lake Hamilton to see the boat races on July 4, 1935. Karpis and Hunter were not around the hotel for two or three

days at that time, and they may have been away. Around this time, I recall that Karpis and Grace Goldstein took Hunter to the airport where he was to take a plane. Before leaving the Hatterie Hotel, Karpis put \$50.00 in an envelope which he sealed. He placed three "X" on the back of the envelope, and he explained that he did this in order that he might know if anyone opened the envelope. He told Hunter to give this money to his, Karpis's, mother. I recall that Hunter was gone only a few days on this trip.

"I recall that when Karpis and Hunter returned from one of their trips, which I believe was the one they made over the 4th of July, they returned to Hot Springs with their Ford Coupe damaged.

"Shortly after this time I recall that Karpis and Hunter made a trip away from Hot Springs. While they were gone, Connie Morris received a letter from there. I recall that Karpis and Hunter were away for some time on this particular trip, and then when they returned to Hot Springs they had a new and different car which had Ohio license plates. This car was a coupe and much larger than a Ford. When they returned, Karpis and Hunter continued to frequent the Hatterie Hotel almost every day, and very often spent the night there.

"Sometime during the summer of 1935, Karpis and Hunter moved from the cottage where they had been staying to some other cottage on the lake. I never visited this cottage, and do not know exactly where it is located. There was a negro woman named Rosie who worked at the Hatterie Hotel, and Karpis and Hunter liked her cooking, and I understood that she went to work for them at their cottage. Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris talked of visiting Karpis and Hunter at their cottage, and I understood at times they would have dinner with these boys at the cottage.

"About the 10th of September of 1935, Karpis brought a man to the Hatterie Hotel called Tommie. From a group of photographs I have selected and identified the photograph of Sam Coker, as the man who was known as Tommy. He came to the Hatterie Hotel a few times after that, either with Karpis or with Hunter. I had dates with him on two or three occasions, and Ginger also filled dates with him two or three times. I remember that Ginger liked Tommy, and she went out to the lake with Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris and I presume from what they said, that Karpis, Hunter and Tommy were out there with them.

"During the last part of September, 1935, I remember that Hunter and Tommy talked of attending the Max Baer-Joe Louis fight in New York City. Grace also talked of attending this fight, but I remember that she did not go, as she mentioned that she and Karpis had listened to the radio broadcast of the fight at Karpis' cottage on the lake. I recall that Hunter and Tommy went to the fight by airplane from Little Rock, Arkansas. I believe that Grace drove them there. Karpis and Hunter had bet a new car on the result of the fight, and I understood that Karpis won the bet.

After they returned, Hunter and Tommy talked about the fight not lasting long, because Joe Louis knocked out Max Baer in one of the early rounds.

"Either the first night that Hunter and Tommy visited the Hatterie Hotel after they had attended the fight, or the next day, I recall that they brought a man named George to the hotel. George had a coupe which carried Ohio license plates, and this car looked exactly like the car that Hunter and Karpis used, and both of these cars were parked in front of the Hatterie Hotel the first time that I saw George. I have selected and identified the photograph of Harry Campbell, as the man who was known to me as George. This was in the afternoon, and he stayed around until that evening when he had a date with Ginger. I had an all night date with Tommy that night. I was keeping company with Eddie Wright at that time, and he called at the hotel that night, and he started an argument with me, because I was filling dates at the hotel. The next night I left Hot Springs and went to Texarkana. Before leaving Tommy said goodbye to me at the hotel. Harry Campbell was also there with Ginger, and Karpis and Hunter were with Grace and Connie. This was the last time that I saw any of these men.

"During the time I was working for Grace Goldstein, she told me that "Dutch" Akers had a beautiful home located somewhere outside of Hot Springs, and that it was a very private place. She described this house as being very beautiful on the inside, and she said that she would like to have it. She said that she would take me out to see it sometime, but she never did.

"I recall that one afternoon while I was working at the Hatterie Hotel, Grace, Connie and myself drove out to Wilson's Tavern. As we passed Milan's Landing, either Grace or Connie pointed to the cottage on the hill nearest to the road, and said that either Karpis or Hunter must be up there. A day or two later, some mention was made by Grace or Connie that Karpis and Hunter had moved to another cottage.

"I recall that on one occasion while I was working at the Hatterie Hotel, Grace Goldstein, Connie Morris, myself and possibly others were sitting around and talking, wondering who Karpis and Hunter were and what they did for a living. During this conversation Grace Goldstein gave us the impression that "Dutch" Akers had met Karpis and Hunter, as she mentioned that "Dutch" said that they were nice boys.

"I have read the foregoing statement which consists of five typewritten pages, and swear that the same is true to best of my knowledge and recollection. I have signed my name to each page of this statement, certifying that I have read it."

(Signed) Gertrude Theresa Nichols

Witnesses:  
/s/ John L. Madala  
/s/ D. P. Sullivan  
Special Agents,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
500 Rector Building,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.



In addition to the above statement, Miss Nichols advised that she has a half-brother, Tony Gariboy, Jr., who resides on Route #1, Hot Springs, Arkansas, with her step-father; that this place is located just beyond the Oaklawn Race Track and adjoins Files' Dairy. She stated that she has an uncle, Claude Gates, who works as a yardman for some railroad at Texarkana, Texas.

From a perusal of Jackie Nichols signed statement, it is to be noted that she corroborates the information provided by Greta Gilstrap, as to the circumstances surrounding the first visit of Karpis and Fred Hunter to 123 Palm Street, Hot Springs. The identity of the young man who apparently brought Karpis and Hunter to the Palm Street address, is not known as yet, and every effort will be made to learn of same.

Jackie Nichols was questioned at great length concerning the number of visits made by "Dutch" Akers and Arch Cooper to 123 Palm Street, during the time that Grace Goldstein lived and operated a house of prostitution there. She recalled that Akers called on Grace Goldstein on only three occasions during that period, but could not recall whether Karpis and Fred Hunter were in the house at the time that Akers would visit there. She also did not know, or would not tell the purpose of Akers' visits at these times. She denied any knowledge of a payoff to the Police Department or City Administration for the right for Grace Goldstein to operate a bawdy house. She admitted, however, that during the time Grace operated at Palm Street and later at the Hatterie Hotel, the police at no time raided her, nor did they fine any of the girls who were working for her from time to time.

It is to be noted that Grace Goldstein indicated to Jackie Nichols in one of the conversations with her, that she was well acquainted with the interior and exterior of "Dutch" Akers' summer home, indicating that perhaps she had been there one time.

It is also noted that Grace Goldstein at one time pointed out a cottage at Milam's Landing to Jackie Nichols, and remarked that Karpis and Hunter were living at that place. This is important, as Officer Joe Scott previously informed agents that he received a tip to the effect that Karpis and Hunter were living there, and that he gave this information to Chief of Police Joe Wakelin; that Wakelin and "Dutch" Akers were supposed to have checked the same, and found them gone when they arrived there, and nothing more was said or done about it.

Agents exhibited to Jackie Nichols a photograph of George "Burrhead" Keady, and she positively identified it as a man with whom she filled a date at the Howe Hotel around Christmas of 1935. She advised that at that time she had her own telephone in Hot Springs, and that a porter at the hotel called her to go to Keady's room; that when she got there, she found Keady partially intoxicated; that he wouldn't give her more than \$10.00 for an all night date, which she refused; that while she was in his room, she observed a large amount of



money in one of the dresser drawers, and she immediately made up her mind to take this money; that she remained with Keady until he fell asleep, after which she ransacked the drawer, which contained the money, and hurriedly left; that she later found that she had taken \$900.00, and that night she took a cab to Texarkana, Texas; that she spent a week in Texarkana, and gave the money to a friend of hers, who disappeared with it on New Years Eve Day, 1935. Jackie advised that she later learned that Sam Coker, whom she knew as Tommy, was in the adjoining room at the Howe Hotel when she called at Keady's room, and that Coker appeared to have a date too; that after she found out that Keady was probably acquainted with Alvin Karpis, through Sam Coker, she became very frightened, and stayed away from Hot Springs for a while. She stated that she also heard some time later that both Karpis and Hunter were very incensed over the theft of their friend's money, and that Hunter on one occasion attempted to locate her while she was working on Malvern Avenue in Hot Springs, with the intentions of "taking her for a ride".

Jackie Nichols advised that on one occasion while she was living at 123 Palm Street, and while Karpis and Hunter were there, Eddie Wright, with whom she formerly kept company, visited her at the above address; that Wright became intoxicated, and during the course of the evening he was introduced to Karpis and Hunter. Jackie stated that Eddie Wright is very much against "Dutch" Akers at the present time, and that it is probable that he might be of some assistance to this investigation. She stated that she has not heard from Wright for some time, and that the last word she had of him, was that he is in Houston, Texas, managing the Lone Star Rooms; that her husband, Thomas Wright, is a brother to Ed Wright, and he is supposed to be working in some hotel in Dallas, Texas.

Jackie Nichols advised that she can be located by contacting the address, 321 Monroe Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

On July 28, 1937, Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and B. M. Suttler proceeded to the Hatterie Hotel, where they located the prostitute named Ginger and the colored maid, Lillian Louise Thomas. These two women accompanied agents to the temporary office being maintained at Room 322, in the Thompson Building, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Thereafter, Lillian Thomas was interviewed by Special Agents H. A. Snow and D. P. Sullivan on the afternoon of July 28, 1937. It being apparent that this interview would be quite lengthy, Lillian Thomas, as well as the prostitute "Ginger", were asked whether they were willing to be interviewed at the Little Rock Field Division. Both of these women expressed their willingness to voluntarily accompany agents to Little Rock, Arkansas, for further interview. On the evening of July 28, 1937, Lillian Thomas and "Ginger" were brought to Little Rock, Arkansas, by Special Agents John L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan, and Lillian Thomas was questioned on the evening of July 28, 1937 and again on July 29, 1937, by Special Agents H. A. Snow and D. P. Sullivan. Lillian Thomas spent the night of July 28, 1937 at a hotel and on the following evening she was taken back to Hot Springs, Arkansas, by Special Agents H. A. Snow and B. M. Suttler.

The following typewritten statement was obtained from Lillian Louise Thomas, which she signed. The original of this statement is being retained in the files of the Little Rock Field Division.

Little Rock, Ark.  
July 29, 1937.

"I, Lillian Louise Thomas make the following typewritten statement to D. P. Sullivan and H. A. Snow, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. I know that I do not have to make this statement, and nobody has threatened me.

"I was born on June 30, 1910 on a farm near San Marcoss, Texas. My father, Elbert Washington, runs a farm about a mile north of San Marcoss, Texas. My sisters, Mrs. Ethel Nichols and Mrs. Irene Wright, live on a farm near Taylor, Texas. My brother, Toby Washington works in a garage at Taylor, Texas. I married James T. Thomas at San Antonio, Texas about July 9, 1928, and I still live with him.

"I have been working for Grace Goldstein for about four years. When I first went to work for her she was running a sporting house at 1338 S. Central Avenue. Two summers ago she was raided by Marion Anderson and some county officers for whiskey and they padlocked the house. We then moved across the street but only stayed there for about a week and we then moved to 123 Palm St. At that time, Miss Greta, Miss Ginger, Miss Jackie and Miss Connie were hustling for Grace. We stayed on Palm St. for over a month and then moved into the Hatterie Hotel. After we had been at Palm St. for some time I heard the girls talking about Mr. Ed. and Mr. Harold. I remember the first time I ever saw these men. They came in between eleven and twelve o'clock one day. When I went into the living room to call the girls for breakfast, I saw Mr. Ed and Mr. Harold, who were sitting in the living room, talking with Connie, Grace and Jackie. When the girls came into the kitchen for breakfast, the men left. I have picked out the photograph of Alvin Karpis. That is a picture of Mr. Ed. I have also picked out the picture of Fred Hunter and that is the picture of Mr. Harold. I saw Karpis and Hunter at 123 Palm St. after that, several times. I remember they ate dinner there one night with Grace, Connie and the rest of the girls and they were there the morning that we moved to the Hatterie Hotel. Connie kept company with Hunter, and Grace kept company with Karpis. I remember Grace was late for dinner one night and she said that she had been down to the Police Department. I cannot remember what kind of car Karpis and Hunter had when we were on Palm St. and I can't remember ever seeing their car.

"After we moved to the Hatterie Hotel in the summer of 1935, Karpis and Hunter came to the hotel more often, and they would sometimes spend the night there. Karpis was always with Grace, and Hunter was always with Connie. Grace and Connie would go out in the afternoon after they got up and dressed, and they

would not come back for dinner and would tell me not to wait dinner for them as they were eating out. I did not know where Karpis and Hunter were living that summer but I often heard these men talking with Grace and Connie about fishing, swimming and boating on the lake. Karpis and Hunter were good spenders and they would buy drinks for other visitors at the hotel and they always tipped me when I waited on them. The most they ever tipped me at one time was a dollar. Karpis and Hunter had dinner at the hotel several times.

"One morning in the early fall of 1935, when I reported for work about eleven o'clock in the morning, Karpis, Hunter and two men who they called George and Tommie were already at the hotel. I have been shown pictures of Harry Campbell and Sam Coker, but I cannot identify them as being the two men who were with Karpis and Hunter that day. That was the only time I ever saw George and Tommie and I cannot remember very well what they looked like. All these men were drinking with Grace, Connie and the rest of the girls and they did not eat breakfast because they were drinking. During the afternoon that day, Miss Greta came in. She had been away for nearly a month before that on a visit to her husband in Kansas. Grace and I fixed a duck dinner for the men and I remember Grace said that Karpis, Hunter, Tommie and George were going away. They all had dinner at the hotel and they were still there when I left about six thirty that evening. They were all feeling pretty good and I remember Mr. George was walking around with Miss Greta's green silk bathrobe on. I am pretty certain that this day was in the middle of the week as Miss Grace had been expecting Miss Greta to return on a Sunday and she did not return until two or three days later, which was the day I am speaking of. The next day when I came to work none of the men were there, but that afternoon or the next afternoon Karpis and Hunter came to the hotel. They did not stay long and talked to Grace and Connie in Grace's room. I would like to say that I work from about eleven in the morning until about six thirty at night and I don't know what happens at Grace's place after six thirty P.M. unless I hear some of the girls talking about something that happens at night when I am not working.

"After Karpis and Hunter left the Hotel I did not see them again until some time after Thanksgiving. I never saw George and Tommie again that I can remember. A few days before Thanksgiving Grace came to the hotel and got a roasting pan which she took away with her. She had been away from the hotel for several days before that. I remember that Grace and Connie or Karpis and Hunter were not at the Hatterie Hotel for Thanksgiving. A week or two before Thanksgiving, Grace and Connie began to stay away from the hotel and I would not see them for several days at that time. About that time, Connie bought a new trunk and she was packing her clothes one evening when I left. The next day when I came to work, she had gone and I did not see her again until a few days before Christmas. I now recall that a short while before Connie got her trunk, Karpis and Hunter came to the Hatterie Hotel together one afternoon. Grace and Connie were there. Karpis and Hunter were still there when I left for home but they did not have dinner there.

"As I have said, Grace was away from the hotel a great deal just before Thanksgiving, and I recall that after Thanksgiving she brought some pieces of turkey to the hotel and said that this was what was left of a turkey which she had for Thanksgiving dinner. After that, Grace would stay away from the hotel several days at a time, and when she came back she would only stay for a short while. I cannot remember seeing Karpis again until a few days before Christmas.

"I can't remember whether it was in November or December, 1935, that Grace brought an electric waffle iron back to the hotel. A couple of days later Grace gave me a key, and a card with the address 602 Third Street on it, and told me to go to that address and clean up the house on my way to work next morning, which I did on the next morning. It seems to me that Grace stayed around the hotel for a few days about this time. About a week before Christmas, Grace returned to the Hatterie Hotel, and I remember her doing her Christmas shopping. A day or two later, Karpis came to the hotel, but he did not stay very long on this visit. It seems to me that Grace was in and out of the hotel, and it appeared that she was living somewhere else, as she never bought her Christmas presents which she bought to the hotel until Christmas morning. She must have kept these presents where she was living somewhere else. A couple of days after I saw Karpis with Grace, Connie and Hunter came to the hotel one afternoon. Connie said she was hungry and they remained for dinner. I remember that Greta's husband, Norris Gilstrap, visited Greta over the Christmas holidays. He came there two or three days before Christmas, and stayed there until a day or two before New Years Day of 1936. I only saw Karpis and Hunter once just before Christmas, as I have mentioned above.

"I remember that Grace brought our Christmas presents to the hotel on Christmas morning. Karpis was not there then. She left about noon on that day and said she was going to visit her mother in Texas. She left in her new green Buick Coupe, which she bought a week or so before Christmas. She had said that Karpis had given it to her for a Christmas present. Connie and Hunter were not there on Christmas Day either. They had left a day or so before Christmas, and I did not see them again for about a month.

"I do not recall seeing Grace and Karpis again until just after New Year's day, I believe, when I remember seeing Karpis talking to Grace, and Grace was telling about how much her mother in Texas enjoyed her being there at Christmas time and also that she liked Karpis very much.

"On the day that I saw "Tommy" and "George" at the hotel with Karpis and Hunter in the early Fall of 1935, Grace told me when I came to work that morning to look out in the backyard and see what she had. I did so, and saw a big black Great Dane puppy. This was the first time that I saw this dog, and Grace told me that Karpis had brought it to her and that it was born in Germany. This dog is named "Shine", and I still take care of it for Grace. It was just around this time

that Grace told me to bring an outboard boat motor from the back porch downstairs to her back porch upstairs. Another maid helped me to take the motor up. The motor stayed there until after New Year's Day.

"Sometime during January, 1936, Grace again left, but did not say where she was going. Several days later I noticed that the outboard motor was gone. I can't remember how long Grace was gone on this trip, but after she came back I remember hearing Grace and Karpis talking together about what a good time they had had on the trip, and how much they enjoyed the fishing.

"A short while after Grace and Karpis returned from the fishing trip, Grace took my husband, Jimmy, and me out to the Woodcock home near Lake Catherine, and we cleaned up the house. We stayed there from about 9:30 AM. until 4:30 P.M. cleaning up. I noticed that the small trunk which Karpis used was out there, which was in one room. From the dust on the floors, and from what Grace said, I understood that they had just moved in and hadn't had a chance to clean the place up. I did not see anyone at the house during the day, however, except Grace when she took us out and brought us back to Hot Springs in the afternoon. That was the only time I ever visited the Woodcock home. It seems to me that I did not see Connie and Hunter for quite a while about this time, but I would see Karpis and Grace from time to time.

"I believe it was sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas 1935, that Ginger came to the Hatterie Hotel, one afternoon just before dinner. This was a short while after Ginger had quit working for Grace Goldstein. She had a newspaper with her and she showed it to me and to the other girls who were there. I remember she pointed out a photograph of Karpis and said that she thought it was a photograph of Mr. Ed who kept company with Grace Goldstein. I remember that we talked about this photograph and some of the girls thought it looked like Mr. Ed and other did not think it look very much like him. Later when Grace came in, somebody must have shown her the photograph because when I came to work the next morning, I asked Mary if the picture in the newspaper which Ginger had was a picture of Mr. Ed, and she said that it was not, as Grace said it was't Mr. Ed. I never asked Grace about this picture, as she was in and out of the hotel and never did say where she was going or where she was living. I am certain that Grace's niece, Margaret was working at the hotel as a prostitute at that time. I cannot remember that any of the girls talked of Mr. Ed being Alvin Karpis after that day when Ginger had the newspaper photograph of Karpis.

"About a week before the Federal Agents raided the Woodcock home, Connie returned to the Hatterie Hotel late one afternoon with Grace. Connie had a skinned lip and she said that she had been drunk and fell down. Grace did not stay at the hotel, and she left, but Connie stayed and hustled at the hotel for several days. Four or five days before the Federal Agents raided the Woodcock

home Connie came in one day and she was "cussing" about the doctor telling her that she had the "clap", and she said that she did'nt believe him. The next morning when I came to work about eleven o'clock I met Connie as she was leaving the hotel. She did'nt have any baggage with her. This was the last time that I saw her until a month or so after Karpis was arrested at New Orleans, La. When I got to the hotel that morning the girls told me that Brock, a cab driver, had been to the hotel the night before and he got sore because Connie would not date him and he told her a lot of stuff about she was going to be arrested because she was travelling around with Karpis and Hunter and they said that probably was the reason she left. The same night that Connie left, or the following night, Grace moved back into the hotel. A day or two after Grace moved back into the hotel, Government men came in and questioned Grace, off and on, but I cant remember that "Dutch" Akers was with them.

"On the afternoon that Connie moved back into the Hatterie Hotel, about a week before the Woodcock home was raided, Grace Goldstein also brought her clothing in with her, but she would not spend the night at the hotel, for the next few days, but would go out each night and take with her a nightgown and she kept her clothing at the Hatterie Hotel after that until the raid. I think that Grace stopped staying at the Woodcock home at night, after she moved back into the hotel, either on the night that Connie left, or the night after that. Two or three nights before the morning that the Federal Agents raided the Woodcock home, Grace drove me home after I finished work at about seven or eight oclock. While we were riding Grace said that she wanted to get a radio and a garden hose she had left there at the Woodcock home. We were in her Green Buick Coupe and she drove out to the house and went in and got the radio. It was dark and I remember that she turned on the lights. The garden hose was outside and I put it in the car. Grace was in the house only for a few minutes and she brought out her square radio and put it in the car. She then drove me home. It seems to me that "Shine" the dog was not around at that time and I believe that before Connie moved back into the hotel Grace talked to taking him to her mother's farm in Texas where he would have plenty of room to exercise. I dont know exactly when she took him away but I did not see the dog until after Karpis was arrested.

"On the day of the Woodcock raid, I got to work at about 11 A. M. Grace was awake and reading the newspaper in her room. I believe that it was a short while later that a short, slender, young man who was a Government man, came in and questioned Grace in her room. After I woke the girls up just before noon, they came into lunch and Grace told them about the Federal men who had raided the Woodcock home early that morning. I believe it was two nights after the raid that Grace left and she was gone when I came to work the following morning. The same afternoon she called me and asked me to have a bath and towels ready for her, as she had been in a wreck and had turned her car over three times. She came in a short while later and said that she had come into town on a wrecker which she called.



"While Grace had a sporting house at 1338 S. Central Ave., Arch Cooper Captain of Police, visited Grace's place one afternoon and he sat around talking with Grace and the rest of the girls. He did not arrest anybody that day and I do not know why he was out there. I always figured that she was pretty friendly with Arch Cooper and I remember that last fall Grace and Connie gave a big party at the Hatterie Hotel to celebrate Connie's birthday. Arch Cooper and Jack McJunkins, a city fireman who kept company with Jerry, one of Grace's hustlers, were there with a bunch of other men. I had to stay to help the other two maids to serve drinks. Connie got a pair of panties and she pulled her dress off and put on her panties and walked across the table. Everybody got pretty drunk and Arch Cooper did a hula dance with Connie.

"During the fall of 1935 Chief of Police Wakelin began to telephone Grace Goldstein almost every night around six thirty or seven oclock. For a long while I did not know who this was who called Grace, and she only spoke of him as her "Sweetie" and as the "Old man". A short while after Karpis was caught I found out that Grace's "Sweetie" was Chief Wakelin. He still calls Grace almost every night and they never talk very much over the telephone but generally only make a date to meet each other. I have often heard Grace say, after receiving a call from Chief Wakelin, that she was going out to meet him, and she would leave the hotel a few minutes later.

"During the time that Karpis and Hunter were visiting and hanging around 123 Palm St., and at the Hatterie Hotel, they never acted suspicious and never seemed to worry about being arrested. They generally went around in their shirtsleeves and I never saw either of them wear a gun. I never remember the Hot Springs Police making any investigation at the Hatterie Hotel, or at 123 Palm St., about Karpis and Hunter until after the Federal Men came to Hot Springs around the time of the Woodcock raid. After the raid, Federal Agents arrested Grace Goldstein and she was gone about 12 days. All during this time "Dutch" Akers would call the hotel every day on the telephone and ask me whether I had heard from Grace and he told me to let him know as soon as I heard from her. He came up to the hotel two or three times while Grace was away, and I remember that one day while he was talking to Greta, Mary and me, he sat down on the bed in Mary's room and he said that if Grace had let him know, he would have arrested Karpis a long time before that, and I believe that he said that there was large reward out for Karpis. I remember he wanted to get a key to Grace's trunk so that he could get a picture of her and I believe he did take a picture of Grace off the dresser in her room.

"I would like to state that I frequently have answered the telephone when Chief Wakelin telephoned the Hatterie Hotel for Grace Goldstein and I recognize his voice over the telephone.



"I have read this statement which is typewritten on ten pages and I have signed my name on each page to show that it is true and here sign my name below. No threats or promises have been made to me,

(Signed) Lillian Lousie Thomas  
Lillian Louise Thomas

Witnesses

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Lillian was thoroughly questioned concerning the association of Grace Goldstein with Chief of Detectives Herbert "Dutch" Akers, but she stated that she could not recall ever seeing Akers at the houses of prostitution operated by Grace Goldstein at 1338 S. Central Avenue, 123 Palm Street, or at the Hatterie Hotel. She did state that one evening Grace was late for dinner and on her return she stated that she had been down to police headquarters, but she did not state who she had seen at the police department. Lillian stated that she understood from conversation she overheard between Grace Goldstein and other women at 123 Palm Street and at the Hatterie Hotel, that Grace Goldstein would visit the Hot Springs Police Department at night, but that she, Lillian, had no definite knowledge of same, as she went off duty about six thirty each night.

Lillian stated that it was entirely possible for Akers or any other person to have visited 123 Palm Street and the Hatterie Hotel without her knowing it, as she was frequently busy about the house and would not get an opportunity to see every person who entered these places. She denied knowing that Karpis and Hunter lived at Dyer's Landing and Milam's Landing on Lake Hamilton in the summer of 1935. She could not or would not recall that any local police officers visited 123 Palm Street during the summer of 1935.

Lillian Thomas was definite in stating that she visited 602 Third Street only once, and that was the occasion that she went there to clean up after the house had been vacated. She denied knowing where Grace Goldstein moved after leaving 602 Third Street, and stated that she never heard that Karpis and Grace lived on Fincell or Clubb Street around Christmas time of 1935. This woman, at first, stated that she only visited the Woodcock home one time, when she and her husband, Jimmie went there to clean up, shortly after it was rented and occupied by Karpis and Grace Goldstein, but she later told of the time when she and Grace Goldstein visited the Woodcock home a few days before the Woodcock raid to obtain a radio and garden hose, as she mentioned in her signed statement.

Lillian Thomas could not recall Grace Goldstein talking of attending the Baer-Louis Fight at New York City in the early fall of 1935. She could not recall anything concerning Grace Goldstein and the negro, Rosalie, cleaning up a cottage on Lake Hamilton and had no information concerning the circumstances surrounding the vacating of the cottage at Dyer's Landing by Karpis and Hunter in October, 1935, other than what is contained in her signed statement.

Lillian was thoroughly questioned, but she could not recall that Grace Goldstein borrowed the license plates of Joseph Wakelin and used them on her car during December, 1935. She stated that she did not know where Grace Goldstein met Wakelin at night, and had never seen Joseph Wakelin in the company of Grace Goldstein and was definite in stating that she had never seen Wakelin at the Hatterie Hotel. This woman undoubtedly has a great deal of information concerning the association of Grace Goldstein with Hot Springs Police officials, particularly Chief of Detectives Akers, but she is an unwilling witness, and little cooperation can be expected from her in this investigation.

James Thomas, #10 John Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, husband of Lillian Thomas, colored maid and cook for Grace Goldstein at the Hatterie Hotel, was interviewed at the Temporary office in the Thompson Building on July 30, 1937, by Agents H. A. Snow and B. M. Suttler.

Thomas stated that he worked for Grace Goldstein only one day during the time she was living at 123 Palm Street; that on this occasion he made some flower boxes for her, but he could not recall seeing any men around the house on that day, nor could he recall seeing the black Ford belonging to Karpis, sitting out in front of the house that day. Thomas stated that after Grace Goldstein moved to the Hatterie Hotel he worked for her on several occasions; twice he washed all the windows in the hotel; on other occasions he painted floors and woodwork. He stated that on most of these occasions he went into the room where he was painting or cleaning and shut the door in an effort to keep everyone out so that he could get his work done properly, and for this reason he did not have a very good opportunity to observe people coming in and out of the hotel. He did not deny that he has seen men around the Hatterie Hotel, but he stated he cannot positively identify any of them by photograph. All photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang were shown to Thomas but he was unable to identify anyone but Grace Goldstein.

Thomas further stated that he does not recall ever having seen Chief of Detectives Herbert "Dutch" Akers call at the Hatterie Hotel; that "Dutch" Akers is known to the negro population in Hot Springs as "Creeping Jesus", inasmuch as they state he "slips up on them without them knowing it". He did recall, that one time while he was employed by Grace Goldstein on S. Central Avenue and Hagen Street, that she and her husband had some sort of fuss and she called "Dutch" Akers to come out; that he recalls seeing Akers on this occasion come up to the front door and talk to Grace Goldstein.

Thomas further recalled that on one occasion his wife told him that "those two men were back" and she was glad they come "'cause she could make more than her regular salary of \$3.00 a week on tips from them". He thinks his wife was referring to Karpis and Hunter on this occasion.

Thomas informed that on one occasion, a Sunday morning, he and his wife went with Grace Goldstein out to the Woodcock residence to clean the place up and scrub some floors; that on this occasion he had "Miss Grace's hose" at his house; that he had borrowed it to do some watering with and that he took it with him out to the Woodcock home to do some watering there; that the hose remained out there until just before the raid when it was returned to his home by his wife, Lillian. Thomas was very uncertain as to any dates, but he recalled that he was living at 431 Gaines Street at the time of the raid, and was living on Jasper Street at the time he took the hose from his house to the Woodcock residence. He stated that he lived in the Jasper Street place for about a month; that he never did find out who owned it and did not pay any rent for that month, so there would be no way to check up on when he moved there. He stated that just prior to his moving on Jasper Street he was living on South Border Street, and that he rented his house from a woman by the name of Mattie Clifford; that she lives in the fourth house from the Jones Ice Company, and that she might have some record of when he moved out of there, and in that way find out about when he took the hose out to the Woodcock residence on the Sunday morning that he cleaned up, and the only thing he recalled seeing there in the form of wearing apparel was an old hat.

He recalled that soon after he and his wife had made the trip out to clean up the Woodcock home he went out to a Mr. Mac's house nearby the Woodcock residence to kill a hog; that while he was out there Mr. Mac told him about the woman living on the hill with a big dog, and he told Mr. Mac who she was, and his wife, Lillian, cooked for Miss Grace. He does not know this Mr. Mac's last name, but stated he can be located through the George Nickels Construction Company in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that he is working for them at present on a Park Avenue ditching job.

Thomas further stated that in the summer of 1936 he and his wife started keeping Grace Goldstein's big black dog named "Shine", every night, and sometimes every other night; that his wife told him the reason Grace wanted them to keep it was that she wanted to go out and have a good time with "her old man" and didn't want to be bothered with the dog. The "old man" referred to is former Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin.

In a previous interview with Della May Griffith, alias "Ginger" Morgan, it was learned that she at one time resided at 103 Second Street in Hot Springs, Arkansas; that she moved there after leaving the Hatterie Hotel, where she had been employed as a prostitute by Grace Goldstein; that the approximate date that she moved to 103 Second Street was between November 15th and December 15th, 1935. In this same interview agents were informed that a Mrs. Gray, who lived near 103 Second Street, owned this piece of property during November and December, 1935.

On July 30, 1937, Agents H. A. Snow and B. M. Suttler located the residence of Mrs. Fred Gray, 615 West Grand Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and attempted to interview Mrs. Gray in an effort to ascertain the exact date that Della May Griffith moved into 103 Second Street in 1935. Mrs. Gray was found to be very ill and unable to talk to agents at the time they called. Her sister, Mrs. C. E. Caldwell, who was at the home of Mrs. Gray when agents called, informed agents that she would talk to Mrs. Gray and attempt to get the desired information from her. After Mrs. Caldwell had talked to Mrs. Gray she informed agents that her sister recalled that a girl by the name of "Ginger" did live in her property at 103 Second Street sometime prior to January 1936, but as she kept no books, receipts or records of any kind, was unable to advise the exact date. Mrs. Caldwell informed agents that her sister was too ill to question further, and advised agents to talk to Mrs. Gray's son, J. O. Campbell, employee at the Great Northern Liquor Store.

Upon leaving Mrs. Gray's home agents stopped at a filling station which is located between Mrs. Gray's home on West Grand Avenue and her house at 103 Second Street. R. L. Tucker, owner and manager of this station, informed agents that he recalled a girl by the name of "Ginger" living at 103 Second Street; that she bought gasoline from him on several occasions; that he recalls it was winter time, as he saw her one day playing in the snow with her small son, but he could not recall the month it was in 1935 that she lived there. Tucker stated that he felt sure in his own mind that it was during the months of November and December, 1935, but he had no way of checking up on this as his business was a cash business, and he had no available records.

J. O. Campbell, son of Mrs. Gray, was interviewed at his place of business - the Great Northern Liquor Store, Hot Springs, Arkansas, on July 31, 1937 by Agents Snow and Suttler. He stated that he recalled the girl "Ginger" living at his mother's house on Second Street; that he had seen her many times since she moved from there, but he could not recall when she lived there exactly. He thought it was during the Christmas Season of 1935, as he was home from school for the holidays at the time he saw her. He informed agents that as soon as his mother got well enough to talk business he would attempt to find out the exact date from her and advise agents of same.

As it was known to agents that "Ginger" Morgan moved from 103 Second Street to either the Princess Hotel or 123 Palm Street, an effort was made to ascertain which place it was and the correct date that she moved from 103 Second Street.

Robert Poe, part owner of Poe Furniture Company, was contacted on July 30, 1937, as it was known to agents that his brother, Owen Poe, owned the property at 123 Palm Street. Agents checked the records produced by Poe on this

piece of property, but the record did not reflect the date that "Ginger" Morgan moved in. The record was complete only through the year 1932. Robert Poe explained that at that time his father died and the property was willed to Owen Poe; that Owen never did keep any record after that, as to who moved in and out of the property; that he merely took the rent as it came in and "stuck" it in his pocket. Robert Poe stated that he knew of no way to check this, except to go to the Electric Company and find what date they turned on the electricity at 123 Palm Street, as all electric bills are made in the name of the tenant in all of their properties. This will be checked through the Electric Company in the near future.

As it had been learned from various sources that "Ginger" lived at the Great Northern Hotel for a while around January, 1936, Agents Snow and Suttler contacted the manager of this hotel on July 31, 1937 and obtained from him the hotel records for that date as to registration of guests. Agents checked the months of December 1935 and January 1936, but no record of registration could be found for "Ginger" Morgan nor Della May Griffith.

In the interview with Greta Swanson, prostitute for Grace Goldstein during the time Grace consorted with Alvin Karpis at Hot Springs, Arkansas, she stated that Karpis and Hunter were sent to Grace Goldstein's house of prostitution originally by Darrell Tisdale, who was at that time the owner of the Manhattan Bar on Ouachita Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, with his brother, Earl Tisdale.

On July 30, 1937, Earl Tisdale was interviewed at the temporary office in Hot Springs, Arkansas, by Special Agents H. A. Snow and B. M. Suttler.

Tisdale stated that he did not recall ever sending Karpis and Hunter over to Grace Goldstein's house of prostitution. He examined the photographs of all members of the Barker-Karpis gang, and stated that the only ones he could positively identify were Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris; that he knew both of these women well, and admitted that he had visited Grace Goldstein's house of prostitution on S. Central Avenue, on Palm Street, and twice after she moved to the Hatterie Hotel. Tisdale further stated that the photograph of Hunter looked very familiar, but he could not place it in any particular place in town. He could not make up his mind whether the photograph of Karpis looked familiar to him or not.

Tisdale further stated that many times during the time he has owned the Manhattan Bar, strangers have come in and asked for information as to the various houses of prostitution in the city; that he has always given these strangers the names and locations of the various notorious houses, but he cannot recall the instance above referred to about Karpis and Hunter.

Earl Tisdale further stated that his brother, Darrel, is now living in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and that his correct address can be obtained from the Murray Transfer Company in Hot Springs, Arkansas, as they shipped some "stuff" to him not very long ago.

Upon being shown the photograph of Milton ~~Lett~~, Tisdale stated that his face looked very familiar, and he seemed to connect him up with some gambling place in town, but he could not definitely place him in any one place. He stated he would keep his eyes open for this fellow, and agents will keep in touch with him to learn if he has been able to place where he has seen Milton Lett before.

As Greta Swanson had informed Agents that a tall young man who ran around with a banjo player, came to the Palm Street address with Karpis and Hunter the night that they came over there for the first time, Tisdale was asked if he knew this banjo player she referred to, as he was supposed to have "hung out" at Tisdale's bar room. Tisdale stated he did not know but one banjo player in town and he had not seen him in many months; that he at one time went with Johnny Childs' daughter; that Childs is owner of Childs' Filling Station on Park Avenue, and that he heard Childs ran the banjo player named Johnny out of town on account of him getting in trouble with Childs' daughter. This boy Johnny was the only banjo player that Tisdale knew who ever hung around his place.

The Manhattan Bar is located at 302 Ouachita Avenue, and Earl Tisdale can be reached at this address at any time. He does not have any employees working for him that were there in 1935 and 1936.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan at Memphis, Tennessee, on July 23, 1937.

At the request of the Little Rock Field Division the Memphis Office interviewed Mr. Charles N. Preston, who formerly worked as a special officer on the Hot Springs Police Department, at which time he furnished some information indicating that Herbert "Dutch" Akers might have been acquainted with Alvin Karpis during the time that Karpis resided in Hot Springs in 1935 and 1936. Since the Memphis Office is not acquainted with the background and details of the investigation presently being conducted in Hot Springs, Arkansas, it was deemed advisable to re-interview Mr. Preston and get from him more details regarding his knowledge of the alleged association between Karpis and "Dutch" Akers.

Agents brought Mr. Charles N. Preston to the Memphis Field Division on July 23, 1937, where he was interviewed. He advised that he resides at 605 Van Street, Memphis, Tennessee, and that he is presently separated from his wife, who is living in Hot Springs. He stated that he came to Hot Springs, Arkansas, in



July, 1933, and from that time up until January, 1934, he worked at various places in and around Hot Springs. He stated that shortly after his arrival in that city he became very friendly with Robert L. Moore, who was then night captain of police of the Hot Springs Police Department; that Moore thereafter was instrumental in getting him a job as special officer on the Hot Springs Police Department; his employment beginning around the middle of January, 1934. He stated that during the time that he was employed as a special officer he worked on an average of three days a week within the police department, but that he was not on a payroll. He stated he merely filled in as an extra and would work for those officers who would want a day or so off at times. He stated that he was engaged as a special officer until October of 1936, and that during this time he frequently answered complaints and calls with former officers Cecil Brock, Bob Moore, Arch Cooper, Joe Scott and Preston Griffin, also with Chief of Detectives Herbert "Dutch" Akers, Chief of Police Joe Wakelin, and the present Night Captain of Police, Ben Rogers. He went on to state that on these calls they frequently visited houses of prostitution in Hot Springs, but that at no time did he participate in a raid on one of these houses. He indicated that it was generally understood that they were not to molest any houses of prostitution or the inmates working in them unless they were specifically ordered to do so.

Agents questioned Charles Preston as to whether he observed a reward circular for the arrest of Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker hanging on one of the doors at the City Jail at the time he was employed there. Mr. Preston recalled such a circular, and advised that to the best of his recollection the same was approximately ten by twelve inches in size, had a photograph of Karpis and another individual thereon, and that it hung on one of the locker doors; he was of the opinion that this circular was still in the City Jail at the time he left the employ of the Hot Springs Police Department in October, 1936.

Charles Preston advised that he knew Herbert "Dutch" Akers since 1922, and that he has been acquainted with Grace Goldstein since 1934 and 1935 when she was operating a house of prostitution on Central Avenue. He stated that at that time he lived in Oaklawn and that he would frequently see Grace Goldstein and the girls who were working for her at that time sitting on the porch in front of their house. Mr. Preston recalled that Marion Anderson and some other Deputy Sheriffs padlocked Grace's place on Central Avenue sometime during the Spring of 1935, and that she thereafter moved to a house across the street; that she remained there for only a short time and then rented a house at 123 Palm Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, where she continued to operate a house of prostitution; that she remained at 123 Palm Street for only a short time when she moved to the Hatterie Hotel. He indicated that Grace Goldstein was still at the Hatterie Hotel at the time he left Hot Springs, in October, 1936.

Mr. Preston further stated that sometime during July of 1935, he purchased from Arch Cooper, who was then Day Captain of Police, a 1934 Chevrolet Tudor Coach, which was similar in make and description to the automobile that was owned and driven by "Dutch" Akers at that time. He stated that he frequently used



this automobile on official business around Hot Springs, and that he definitely recalls that while Grace Goldstein was operating a house of prostitution at 123 Palm Street, he and Cecil Brock went out there on one occasion to serve a subpoena on Eddie Wright, who, at that time, was keeping company with a girl named Jackie who was employed as a prostitute in Grace's house. Mr. Preston stated that Eddie Wright had previously caused some disturbance in the Pigly Rooms, another house of prostitution in Hot Springs, and that Lillian Bahre swore out a warrant for him. Mr. Preston recalled that while he and Cecil Brock were at 123 Palm Street on this occasion, Cecil Brock went to the rear part of the house and talked with some of the girls, and that he remained in the living room and talked with the prostitute Jackie and Eddie Wright. He indicated that at that time the Hot Springs Police Department were driving an old model open Buick automobile which was called the "Blue Heaven", and also an old model Chevrolet car and a 1929 model Ford coach. He stated that he believed that the Chevrolet and Ford coach were "hot", but he has no definite information along this line.

Continuing, Mr. Preston stated that while Grace Goldstein was operating at 123 Palm Street, she occasionally came to the Hot Springs City Jail and talked with Herbert "Dutch" Akers and Chief of Police Joe Wakelin privately in Wakelin's office; that sometimes she would come there by herself and other times she would have a small blonde girl with her; that she would generally park her car in front of the Chamber of Commerce Building, and sometimes would park it by the Rock Island Railway Depot across the street. He recalled that at that time the Goldstein woman drove a green Chevrolet Coupe which he first saw while she was living on Central Avenue.

Mr. Preston further stated that on November 18, 1935, he traded in his Chevrolet Tudor Sedan and purchased a 1936 model Pontiac Coach from the Creason Pontiac-Buick Company in Hot Springs; that about two or three weeks prior to November 18, 1935, he recalled that "Dutch" Akers approached him relative to renting out his Chevrolet Coach for some friends of his whom he stated were coming in town within the next few days; that they desired this automobile for a period of thirty to ninety days; that they would take good care of it and put new tires on the car if needed. Mr. Preston stated that he did not give Akers any definite answer about renting his car at this time, and that he later talked the same over with his wife and she left the matter to his own judgment. He stated that he later saw Akers and told him that he would be willing to rent his automobile to his, Akers', friends for \$3.00 a day; that Akers thereupon told him that his friends would probably give him \$5.00 a day for the rental of it. Preston stated that sometime after the above conversation with Akers he observed that the 1934 model Buick Coupe that Akers owned and drove at that time did not appear around the City Jail and that he also observed around this time that Akers' wife, who generally drove this automobile was riding the street cars. Mr. Preston recalled that around this time he asked Akers on one occasion whether his friends still wanted to rent his automobile, and Akers told him that they did not, as they decided that they would need a heavier car.

Continuing, Mr. Preston stated that about a week or ten days after Akers had approached him about renting out his automobile, Akers came to him and asked if he could use his car, not stating how long he wanted it. Mr. Preston stated that he gave Akers the keys to the car, and he observed Akers drive away in it and come back a few minutes afterwards without the car; that Akers did not say anything to him as to whom he gave the car, or what disposition he made of it, but that later that day Cecil Brock came to him and gave him the keys to the car; that Brock told him that he would find something in the car. Preston stated that he later found a \$10.00 bill, which was wrapped around the gear shift of his automobile at this time. Mr. Preston advised that he had theretofore permitted "Dutch" Akers to use his car on several occasions, but that the above occasion was the only time when he ever received any money for this favor. He advised that after he found the \$10.00 bill in his automobile he asked Cecil Brock if he had lost any money in the car, and that Brock stated that he had not and that the \$10.00 was left there for him.

Continuing, Mr. Preston advised that he definitely recalls that during the months of October and November, 1935, he frequently saw Grace Goldstein visit the Police Department and talk privately with "Dutch" Akers; that on one occasion he saw Akers sitting in Grace's automobile, which was parked in front of the Chamber of Commerce Building. He stated that he was never permitted to hang around Akers' office while Grace Goldstein was in there, and that he oftentimes observed that while Grace Goldstein would be talking with Akers, Cecil Brock would go in the lavatory adjoining Akers' office and occupied it so that no one else in the police department could enter the same while Grace would be talking with Akers.

Continuing, Mr. Preston stated that he definitely recalls the day that the Federal Agents raided the Woodcock home on Malvern Road; that early that morning he and Bob Moore or Press Griffin had a hunting date; that at four A.M., he and one of these officers happened to be driving along Malvern Avenue toward the police department; that they noticed the police car which contained possibly two officers drive at a rapid rate of speed out Malvern Avenue in the opposite direction from the police department; that they immediately turned the car around and started to follow the police car to see what was going on; that they followed the police car to the end of the car line and when it was noted that they were going someplace outside the city limits on the Malvern road, they decided to go back to the police station and find out what it was all about. He stated that no one at the police department knew anything about a call which would take the police car out on Malvern Road; that thereafter he went to the Hot Springs Confectionery, where he had something to eat, and with Bob Moore or Press Griffin, left Hot Springs to go hunting at around 5:00 A.M.; that when they returned later that day they were told about the raid on the Woodcock home that morning.

Mr. Preston stated that a few days after the raid on March 30, 1936, he happened to be in the City Jail talking with "Dutch" Akers about the latter's summer home on Lake Catherine; that prior to that time "Dutch" Akers frequently contacted him in regard to having the American Legion raffle off his summer home, which offer the American Legion turned down; that on the above occasion at the City Jail, "Dutch" Akers showed him five \$100.00 bills which he took from his pocket and said that he had gotten this amount as an option on the sale of his summer home, and that if the raid for Karpis on the Woodcock home had been delayed a few days he would have sold his summer home to Alvin Karpis for \$15,000.00, and that after Karpis was arrested he would have gotten his home back and would have been that much ahead.

Mr. Preston further stated that he is positive that "Pretty Boy" Floyd was confined in the Alamo Sanitorium in South Hot Springs during the latter part of 1933, or early part of 1934; that he understood that Floyd was in this sanitorium recuperating from a gun shot wound, and that he had come there from Fort Smith, Arkansas.

He further stated that Arch Cooper, former day captain of police, did the collecting from the various gambling houses and bootlegging joints, the latter being prior to the repeal of prohibition; that all bootleggers in Hot Springs were compelled to pay the City Administration \$25.00 a week for operating illegally. He stated that he knows this to be a fact as Harold McMath, for whom he formerly worked, told him of this pay-off. He indicated that Arch Cooper would usually collect around the first and fifteenth of every month, and that all gambling houses were compelled to pay a fine of \$90.00 a month; that representatives from each gambling house would usually appear in court at these times and thereafter Judge Verne Ledgerwood would send Arch Cooper to these gambling houses and collect the fine from them. Mr. Preston stated that he did not know who collected from the various houses of prostitution in Hot Springs, but that it is his understanding that they were compelled to pay \$10.00 a week to operate, and that each madam was specifically instructed to keep her prostitutes off the streets, that is, they were not permitted to hustle on the street.

On July 27, 1937, Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and H. A. Snow re-interviewed Mr. Horace Whyte, formerly employed at Carpenter's Dam, Lake Catherine, at his present residence on Lake Hamilton near the bridge where U. S. Highway #7 crosses that lake, in an effort to secure further information concerning the small "Sportsman" outboard motor which Karpis and Hunter had in their possession while they resided in a cottage at Carpenter's Dam during the summer of 1935. (Report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Little Rock, Ark., dated May 14, 1937, page 29.)

Mr. Whyte reiterated his previous statements that he had telephoned the Stearns Hardware Company at Hot Springs and talked personally with Mr. Stearns at the firm relative to the sale of a "Sportsman" Evinrude outboard motor; that this call was made at the insistence of the "boys" later identified as Karpis and Hunter, who wished to purchase the motor; that he attempted to secure a commission on this sale from Mr. Stearns, but that he was unable to collect the commission on his next visit to the hardware company, because Mr. Stearns explained to him that he had had to cut the price on the motor which was sold to the boys, as Sears-Roebuck Company was offering a light motor at that time for \$44.00.

Whyte stated that he does not recall that this motor gave any trouble to Karpis and Hunter during the time that they resided at Carpenter's Dam, with the exception of one occasion when they had run the motor across the lake and had difficulty in starting it. At that time a farmer who was fishing on the bank of the lake had shown Karpis and Hunter their trouble.

Throughout the time that Karpis and Hunter resided at Carpenter's Dam, Mr. Whyte stated, they kept this outboard motor on a large in-board motor boat which he kept at his landing there. He also stated that they paid a boy who was working around the dam, and who slept on his motorboat, named James (Red) VanNoy, \$1.00 per week to lift their motor from the boat which they used for fishing during the day on to his large motorboat each night, and to return it to the small fishing boat each morning. VanNoy is at present employed as a laborer in the construction of a building on the campus of Ouachita College at Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He will be interviewed in the near future for any possible information in his possession, and also in an effort to ascertain whether the "Sportsman" motor which was in the possession of Karpis and Hunter at Carpenter's Dam is identical with the motor of the same description which was shipped to Stearns Hardware Company on June 5, 1935, by the Outboard Motors Corporation. It may be possible that VanNoy recalls some difficulty experienced by Karpis and Hunter in starting or operating this motor, which might have caused them to take the motor back to Stearns Hardware Company for repairs.

Whyte was again questioned as to whether he had at any time observed any visitors which Karpis and Hunter might have had. He stated emphatically that he had never seen any people in their company during the time that they resided at Carpenter's Dam. He and his wife heard on one or two occasions, indirectly through the negro girl employed as a cook by Karpis and Hunter, that two women were entertained by them for dinner on several occasions, but they did not see these women at that time. He also stated that on some occasions Hunter would call on the telephone and tell either him or his wife to give a message to their negro cook that there would be two visitors for dinner. Whyte stated that as far as either he or his wife knew, Karpis and Hunter were never away from their cottage

for any great number of days, and he believes that either he or his wife would have known if they had been absent for as much as three or four days. He also stated that at the time these men left their cottage they told him that they were going to take a cottage at a McFadden Springs, near Hot Springs, as one of them had kidney trouble and thought that the water there would be of benefit to him; that, however, he, Whyte, and his wife had driven to McFadden Springs shortly after Karpis and Hunter left their cottage, and in speaking to the manager of that mineral resort had ascertained that Karpis and Hunter had not in fact taken a cottage there.

Whyte further stated that on one occasion about three weeks after Karpis and Hunter came to live in the cottage at Carpenter's Dam he was fishing with them in a boat on Lake Catherine near Hot Springs Creek; that while they were fishing he noticed the then Chief of Police, Joseph Wakelin, and another police officer of the Hot Springs Police Department approaching in another boat; that he does not recall the name of this other officer who was with Wakelin, but both of them were fishing also. Whyte stated that he remarked to Karpis and Hunter that that was the Chief of Police, and that he wished to speak to him, and that neither Karpis or Hunter objected in the least to his proceeding in the direction of the boat occupied by Wakelin and the other officer, or in any manner exhibited nervousness; that he had come alongside of the boat occupied by Wakelin and had put one of his feet over into Wakelin's boat in order that the two boats might run slowly alongside of each other while he talked to Wakelin. Whyte could not recall whether Karpis and Hunter had talked to Wakelin at that time or not, but stated that he imagines that they spoke to him, or greeted one another, as he recalls nothing unusual about their actions at that time. He stated that his conversation with Wakelin lasted for several minutes, during which time both boats were proceeding forward slowly, and he recalls that there were fishing lines out of both boats trolling in the water behind. When questioned as to what he and Wakelin had discussed together, Whyte stated that he reported to Wakelin the location of an escaped Arkansas convict named "Peg-leg" Anderson, whom he had noticed camped on Lake Catherine, and knew that the officers were looking for Anderson, because he had previously discussed with Wakelin the possibility of locating Anderson for him in the vicinity of Lake Catherine. Whyte stated incidentally that Anderson was located by a group of officers a day or so later on the information which he had furnished, and that he had been returned to the Arkansas Penitentiary, but that it is his information that the man had later been returned to the Texas Penitentiary.

Whyte also advised Agents that upon one occasion shortly before Karpis and Hunter left Carpenter's Dam, the negro cook employed by them, named Zettie, had reported to him that she had found a large sum of money in the bed where Karpis or Hunter had slept the night before; that Zettie had brought the roll of money for him to see it, and that he had counted it out and ascertained twenty-seven \$100.00 bills, totalling \$2,700.00. Whyte stated that he advised the negro to hide the money in the cottage until the return of Karpis and Hunter for dinner that night. He also stated that he knows that Zettie did not inform agents of the fact that she had found that sum of money when she was previously

interviewed (Report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Little Rock, Ark., dated May 14, 1937), as she told him that she was afraid to say anything about it. He stated that he, also, had neglected to inform agents of this fact. Whyte stated that this incident concerning the finding of the \$2700.00 by the cook, Zettie, had further strengthened his belief at that time that Karpis and Hunter were in fact gamblers, as they had told him, because a few days after this incident he had been in Hot Springs and had heard it said that two gamblers from Kentucky had won \$2700.00 at the Belvedere gambling casino, and that he had associated the two men at the cottage with this report.

On July 26, 1937, Mr. and Mrs. John Stover, Municipal Airport, appeared at the temporary office maintained by agents at Room 322 Thompson Building, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and stated that they wished to impart information concerning various trips which they had made with Karpis and Grace Goldstein by airplane, which information they had neglected to report to agents in the past for the reason that they had failed to recall same. Both of the Stovers indicated that they knew the location of a house where Karpis was living in January, 1936, which had not been previously reported by them.

Upon being interviewed by Special Agent H. A. Snow, the Stover couple indicated that they could point out the location of that house, although they did not know the correct street address of same. Mr. and Mrs. Stover accompanied agent to point out the above mentioned house where Karpis resided at one time, and with Mrs. Stover driving the automobile, she drove unhesitatingly and directly to the house located at 124 Clubb Street, near Fincell Street, which recent investigation by agents at Hot Springs has developed was the house occupied by Karpis and Clayton Hall during the latter part of December, 1935, all of January and the first part of February, 1936.

Mrs. Stover stated that she recalled the location of that house only recently, as she had forgotten all about ever having been in the vicinity of same with Karpis, but that recently she was driving in that section of town with a friend and had noticed the house, which had brought it to her attention and she was able to recall the following facts which were substantiated by her husband, John Stover.

Mr. and Mrs. Stover stated that on the occasion of their return trip by airplane from Ohio with Karpis and Grace Goldstein, which was the trip made in January, 1936, at which time the Stover plane was forced down near Benton, Arkansas, they were picked up by a motorist and delivered to the Municipal Airport at Hot Springs, Arkansas. At the airport, Mr. and Mrs. Stover secured their 1934 Model Plymouth Sedan and returned to the city of Hot Springs with Grace Goldstein and Karpis, as has been previously reported by them. They stated that Grace was delivered by them in their car to the Hatterie Hotel, and that Karpis remained in the car and asked them to drive him by the Majestic Hotel. They parked their car



across the street from the Majestic Hotel, directly opposite the main entrance, and Karpis got out of the car there, requesting them to wait a few minutes while he picked up his friend, Hall. As far as they were able to observe, Karpis walked across the street to the entrance of the Majestic Hotel, where they believe he talked to a bellboy, or he may have gone into the hotel. On that point they were not certain. At any rate, Karpis came back to their automobile within a few minutes, at which time he was accompanied by the large fellow, who probably was Clayton Hall. Hall did not have any luggage with him, and it did not appear to them that he was checking out of the hotel at that time. Karpis had only a small bag or brief case as luggage, which he had used on the trip returning from Ohio, and which was left in their car when he went over to the hotel entrance. Upon getting into their automobile with Hall, Karpis requested them, Mr. and Mrs. Stover, to drive him to "his" house, which they agreed to do. At the direction of Karpis they drove him and Hall to the house located at 124 Clubb Street, just off Fincell Street, which house they pointed out to agent at the time of this interview. They stated that Karpis did not appear to be very familiar with the streets leading to the house, and often had them stop the car at intersections while he decided upon the correct route to follow. Both Karpis and Hall got out of their automobile upon their arrival at the house. No lights or other signs of occupancy were noticed by the Stovers at the time within the house, nor were there any automobiles parked nearby. The Stovers repeatedly stated that this occasion was the only time that they ever visited or went to the house occupied by Karpis.

Since it appears that this information has been purposely withheld from agents by Stover during the time when the apprehension of Karpis and Hunter was being sought, together with the past experience of this same nature by Bureau Agents with Stover in connection with the investigation of the Kansas City Massacre, it is possible that this man may be prosecuted under the Harboring Statutes upon the completion of the investigation presently being conducted in the vicinity of Hot Springs, Arkansas. Note should be also made that Karpis apparently had no apprehension of Stover and his wife knowing the location of his hide-out at 124 Clubb Street, which of itself would indicate that the Stovers knew of the identity of Karpis, or at least knew that he was "wanted", and that he, Karpis, relied upon the Stovers from identifying his photograph or otherwise furnishing information to Bureau Agents.

Other information furnished by Mr. and Mrs. John Stover during instant interview was that they recall that it was on the trip referred to above, when they drove Karpis and Clayton Hall from the Majestic Hotel to the house at 124 Clubb Street, that the conversation between Karpis and Hall took place relative to Karpis having "fired" the politicians at Youngstown, Ohio, so that he, Karpis, could operate slot machines in the vicinity of that city without molestation from the local authorities.



Mrs. Stover emphatically denied that she had overheard any conversation of a material nature carried on by Karpis and Grace Goldstein during the airplane flight from Ohio to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that most of their conversation was of the nature of a couple in love. She denied having heard Karpis and the Goldstein woman speak of any mutual acquaintance among the police or city officials at Hot Springs during the trip.

At this time Stover stated that he wished to add certain information concerning the time when he first flew the man whom he now knows to have been Karpis, from Hot Springs, Arkansas, to Ohio. In previous interviews Stover has maintained that he did not know how Karpis arrived at the local airport, prior to taking off. He stated that he now recalls that a woman brought Karpis to the airport and parked her automobile on the hill near the hangar; that Karpis evidently sent this woman to some store along the highway, as she left in her automobile alone, while he, Stover, was warming up the motor of his plane, and Karpis was waiting for him to take off, and that this woman returned within a few minutes, at which time Karpis went over to her automobile and secured a couple of packs of cigarettes from her, stating that he was just about out of cigarettes. Stover "imagines" that this woman must have been Grace Goldstein.

Mr. Ishael F. Elkins, who is employed as an ice delivery man for the Standard Ice Company, Ouachita Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and who is known locally as "Red" Elkins, was interviewed by Special Agent Snow in an effort to obtain any information in his possession concerning the occupants of the house of prostitution operated by Grace Goldstein at 123 Palm Street, which house is located on the ice route served by Mr. Elkins for his company.

Mr. Elkins stated that during the summer of 1935, he recalls that Grace Goldstein operated a house of prostitution at the address 123 Palm Street, but that she was not one of his customers, and he can give no information relative to the girls who worked there or men frequenting the place. He stated that Grace's house was served regularly by the truck of the Jones Ice Company, and that he recalls that Matt Davis, who is still employed as a truck driver for that company, was the driver of the truck which frequently stopped there.

During the period referred to above, while Grace Goldstein was operating at 123 Palm Street, Elkins stated that he was residing in the immediate neighborhood to her place, and that he lived at 439 Benton Street, which is just around the corner from the block on Palm Street in which Grace resided. He stated that he recalls the green Chevrolet Coupe with yellow wire wheels which Grace drove during that period, and that he often noticed her pass his home in this car; that on numerous occasions Grace would be accompanied by another girl, and sometimes there would be a couple of young men in her car.

From a group of photographs Elkins selected a photo of Alvin Karpis, and stated that he is sure that he saw this man somewhere in the neighborhood of his former home about the time that Grace Goldstein was living at 123 Palm Street. He was unable to place the occasion or exact location where he had seen Karpis, but thought that it must have either been in the automobile with Grace Goldstein or near the house which she occupied on Palm Street. Elkins was unable to make a positive identification of the photograph of Hunter as being familiar with any person recalled as associating with Grace Goldstein in his neighborhood.

As a possible source of information Elkins suggested that Agent interview Mr. Matt Davis, who was the ice delivery driver on the truck for the Jones Ice Company during the summer of 1935 on the route serving the house of Grace Goldstein on Palm Street. Davis is still employed as the route man serving Palm Street, and has most of the customers on that street. He also suggested that a former ice delivery man named Crane may have delivered ice to Grace Goldstein on some occasions. Crane is now in the oil fields near Rodessa or Vivian, Louisiana, and his correct address, if desired, may be obtained from a Mrs. Bates, who operates the Golden Rule Tourist Camp out Grand Avenue near the U. S. Tourist Park. Elkins' present address is 312 Benton Street. Matt Davis has since been interviewed and this interview has been reported.

On July 27, 1937, U. S. Commissioner C. Floyd Huff called at the temporary offices in the Thompson Building, and advised that G. B. Winter, an attorney in the Arkansas Trust Building, advised him that he had received information to the effect that "Dutch" Akers received his tip about Karpis living at Dyer's Landing in 1935 from Walter Ebel, a newspaper reporter in Hot Springs; that Ebel was supposed to have been in Battles' Drug Store on one occasion while Karpis was buying bandages and iodine, and that Ebel suspected Karpis and thereafter obtained the license number of his car, and reported the same to Akers; that Akers immediately wired to ascertain the name of the licensee, and was informed that the address given on the application for registration was that of a vacant lot in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Huff stated that Winter further informed him that he likewise received information to the effect that on one occasion Chief of Police Joe Wakelin loaned his license plates to Grace Goldstein in order that she could make an out-of-town trip in her new Buick Coupe at that time, and after she returned from this trip, Wakelin sent Cecil Brock to the Hatterie Hotel to remove the said plates from Grace's car and put them back on his own automobile. Mr. Huff stated that he did not know the source of Winter's information, and that he was furnishing the same to agents for what it was worth.

On August 2, 1937, Agents Madala and Suttler contacted Mr. G. B. Winter at his office, and he advised that he received the above information through conversation with Cecil Brock on July 26, 1937. It might be stated that Brock recently furnished Agent Suttler with this same information.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents John L. Madala and B. M. Suttler:

It will be recalled that Clayton Hall, informant for the Bureau, advised in previous interviews had with him, that Alvin Karpis sent him a telegram from Hot Springs, Arkansas on December 5, 1935, asking him and his wife to come to Hot Springs and register at the Arlington Hotel upon their arrival here.

On July 27, 1937, agents contacted Mr. A. C. Cravery, Associate Manager, Arlington Hotel, and he advised from his records that a C. Hall and wife, from Youngstown, Ohio, registered into the Arlington Hotel on December 8, 1935, and checked out on December 11, 1935, leaving no forwarding address; that they were assigned Room 745, and that their hotel portfolio number is 12281-F. Mr. Cravery advised that C. Hall's ledger account is packed away in the store-room, and that it would entail considerable work to locate it; that if, however, the same were absolutely essential to the Bureau's investigation, he would make arrangements to make the account available for agent's examination at an early date. This matter will be held in abeyance, and no further investigation will be conducted at the Arlington Hotel, unless it develops that additional information as to Hall's stay in Hot Springs at this time is absolutely essential.

Dr. Floyd Clardy, who maintains offices in the Thompson Building, voluntarily furnished Agent Snow with the following information, which he stated was of a general nature, and mostly hearsay. Dr. Clardy stated that Dr. E. L. Thompson told him on one occasion that Leo McLaughlin, Mayor of Hot Springs, has a much larger income than he receives from his salary as Mayor, and that most of the income which McLaughlin receives from gambling "payoffs", etc., is sent by him to a Catholic Priest in Chicago, who invests or otherwise keeps it for him. Dr. Clardy indicated that the current rumor in Hot Springs is that McLaughlin has accumulated an estate of about \$500,000.00, and only pays income tax on a very small portion.

Regarding the reputation that Herbert "Dutch" Akers has locally as having been implicated in the "hot car racket", Dr. Clardy suggested that agents interview Mrs. Ernest Patton, 204 Barker Street. Mrs. Patton resides near the former residence of Akers, and has told him on occasions that she used to see Akers and a car this named Johnson practically every night change license plates and otherwise change identification of numerous automobiles which she believed were stolen.

Dr. Clardy suggested also that agents interview Henry Brown, a cashier employed in the gambling establishment at the Ohio Club, who told him at one time that he recalls Karpis gambling in that place. Brown was indicated as being a reliable person.

Dr. Clardy also stated that he knew that agents were not primarily interested in income tax violations of the Hot Springs City Officials, but that he knows that Municipal Judge Verne Ledgerwood has an income comparable to the reported illicit income of McLaughlin, and that Mr. Ed Walsh, Insurance Agent for the Aetna Life Insurance Company, had recently told him that Ledgerwood purchases annuities from his company in the amounts of \$50,000.00 at one time.

Jake Friend, 1426 S. Central Avenue, when interviewed, stated that Norman Jett originally owned Highland Park Inn, a beer joint on Central Avenue; that he sold half interest to Casper Rosana, and later Rosana bought full interest and then remodeled the place and spent about \$3,000 on the place. Rosana is an interior decorator by trade and is originally from Chicago, and owns property in Chicago. Rosana built a ship and it won first prize at the World's Fair in Chicago. The model of the ship was "Old Ironsides". This information might be of use in the future in the event it is found necessary to locate Rosana. Friend stated that Rosana drank quite a bit and had a girl working for him who he played around with some; that one night he and this girl were drinking, and Rosana, in a playful way stuck this girl with an ice pick; that the "law" came and took Rosana down to the jail. He made a hundred dollar bond. Then the story got around that this woman's husband was going to "get" Rosana unless he left town, and as the story grew, a friend of his by the name of Leo Gartenburg, next door to Highland Park Inn, advised Rosana to go back home until the thing blew over; that the next thing he, Friend, heard was that "Dutch" Akers, Chief of Detectives, had given Rosana the money to leave town on, and had taken his place over, and still has the place. He does not know what "Dutch" did to get this place, but he got it in a hurry.

Previous to "Dutch" taking over the place, Rosana gave half interest to a Greek by the name of Chris, and Chris managed the place for him.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents John L. Madala and B. M. Suttler:

On July 27, 1937, Mrs. Alice Haynes, sister of the deceased John Dickson, who was killed at the hands of several of the Hot Springs Police officers, called at the temporary offices of the Bureau, and advised that she recently had a conversation with Frank Tucker, Day Jailor, at the City Jail, and that he told her that Chief of Police Joe Wakelin was at the home of his sister in Tulsa, Oklahoma, during the time of the trial of the seven officers who were indicted for the John Dickson killing; that while in Tulsa, he called the City Jail collect and either talked with Captain "Swede" Watkins or asked to speak with him. At any rate, Tucker did not indicate to Mrs. Haynes with whom he talked on the above occasion. She stated that Tucker informed her that Wakelin called to find out whether the Dickson trial was still in progress at that time.

The records of the Telephone Company will be checked at an early date, to verify the above information.

Mrs. Haynes also advised agents at this time that the wife of Cecil Brock recently left him, and that she is supposed to feel very unfriendly toward him.

This information is being set out, to consider the advisability of interviewing Mrs. Cecil Brock at this time, as it is possible that she may possess some information of value to this investigation.

Mrs. Haynes further stated that the reason Charles Sellers, former Hot Springs Police Officer, was fired off the force, was because he arrested Charles "Luckie" Luciano on one occasion while the latter was in Hot Springs; that immediately after Mayor McLaughlin found out about the arrest, he called Sellers and said, "Now, you sure did play Hell."; that it was only a short time later that McLaughlin compelled him to resign.

The investigative leads suggested by a reading of this report are not being set out in this report, but will be covered by letters to the various Field Divisions where investigation is required.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

Milwaukee

FILE NO. 7-2

REPORT MADE AT Milwaukee, Wisconsin	DATE WHEN MADE 8/13/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/6/37	REPORT MADE BY A. M. KOHN AMK/EJB
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Outboard Motor Corporation, Milwaukee, Wis., 4/2/37 traced Elta outboard motor #890, indicating that numbers given are not serial numbers.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent Jerome Doyle, Buffalo, New York, dated 8/2/37.

**DETAILS:**

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

W. J. Webb, assistant sales manager of the Outboard Motor Corporation, 4143 North 27th Street, advised Agent that the Elta motors were not manufactured until 1921 and began with the first serial number 1001. In view of the generator number given in reference report, it appears that the motor in question bears an electric starter, which type of motor, it was stated, has been made only since 1930. Mr. Webb advised that the serial #390 and generator #3902, by which the instant motor is described in reference report, are probably merely part numbers and neither one being the serial number. He explained that the Outboard Motor Corporation does not maintain a record of part numbers and that they cannot be used as a means of tracing the sale of a motor.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *A. S. Melvin* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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For the assistance of the Little Rock office in locating the necessary serial number, it is noted that on various motors this number appears at different places, some times on a metal plate, or it may be stamped at the base of the crank case, on a plug sunk into the crank case or cylinder. As of further assistance in determining and locating this serial number, there is attached to the copies of this report being submitted to the Little Rock office, a service bulletin which was secured from Mr. Webb. It will be noted that the serial numbers for motors which are manufactured with electric starters have been checked in ink.

Considering the possibility that the generator number 3902 may in fact be the serial number of the motor, a search was conducted of the files of the Outboard Motor Corporation, and it was determined that number 3902 was shipped by the company on July 18, 1922 to R. B. Chute of Huntington, Long Island, New York. The records do not reflect whether the purchaser was a dealer or a private individual, and subsequent to the shipment, the motor was not registered with the corporation. However, until such time as the Little Rock office makes a further check of the motor in question to determine the correct serial number, no lead is being set out for the New York office to trace the last mentioned sale.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE LITTLE ROCK OFFICE at Hot Springs, Arkansas, will further examine the Elta outboard motor, now in possession of former Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin, in an effort to determine the correct motor number, which can then be checked with the files of the Outboard Motor Corporation in Milwaukee.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
August 13, 1937.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the harboring investigation presently being conducted at Hot Springs, Arkansas, it is requested that the Bureau forward to the Little Rock Division the latest available photograph of J. C. "Slivers" McBride, nationally known confidence man, who has operated out of Kansas City, Missouri, for some years. This man was mentioned at different times as a possible contact man for Alvin Karpis prior to his capture at New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 1, 1936, and information has been obtained in the investigation of the harboring case at Hot Springs relative to the automobile operated by McBride during the fall of 1935.

In case this man is wanted by the Bureau or any other law enforcement agency, the Bureau is requested to immediately notify the Little Rock Division, as it is believed that through the various contacts developed at Hot Springs, this man can be readily located.

A copy of this letter is being designated for the Kansas City Field Division, where the criminal record and photograph of McBride may be readily available. If the Kansas City Field Division has an available photograph of McBride, it is requested that the same be forwarded to the Little Rock Field Division.

Very truly yours,

*Chapman Fletcher*  
CHAPMAN FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: BREXID

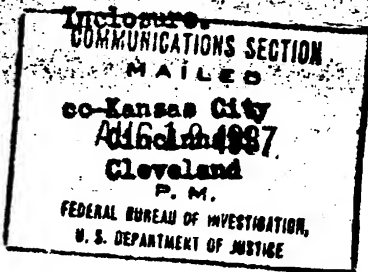
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 13, 1937, in which you request that the most recent photograph of J. C. "Slivers" McBride, nationally known confidence man, be forwarded to you and also that the Bureau advise your division if McBride is presently wanted by the Bureau or some police department.

There are inclosed herewith two copies of the most recent photograph of McBride and two copies of his criminal record, as reflected by the files of this Bureau. It will be noted that McBride is presently wanted as Elmore Garnett, with aliases, for bunco game at Sacramento, California. It is noted, however, that apparently the date of this particular offense was August 21, 1933 and there is some doubt that he is presently wanted due to the fact the Statute may have run against the offense at Sacramento.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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Post Office Box 1469,  
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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephone conversation with you on August 12, 1937, you are advised that I communicated by telephone with Inspector E. J. Connelley and advised him that the harboring investigation at Hot Springs is substantially completed. Unless there are some unforeseen developments, Special Agents H. A. Snow of the Kansas City Field Division and B. M. Suttler of the Richmond Field Division, will be relieved from their present assignments at Hot Springs, Arkansas, on or about August 18, 1937, and will immediately thereafter report to their official headquarters.

It has been learned that Mrs. Phillip David, who rented her house at 124 Clubb Street to Alvin Karpis and Grace Goldstein during December, 1935 and January and February, 1936, will be at Monroe, Louisiana until August 14, 1937. She then intends to proceed to Washington, D. C., where she intends to establish a permanent home. This woman has previously indicated that former Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin, Chief of Detectives Herbert "Dutch" Akers and City Attorney A. T. "Sonny" Davies were frequent visitors to 124 Clubb Street during the time it was occupied by Alvin Karpis and Grace Goldstein. Inspector E. J. Connelley has indicated that he desired that this woman be thoroughly interviewed by one of the agents presently assigned to the investigation of the harboring case at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Special Agent John L. Madala will immediately proceed to Monroe, Louisiana, and a thorough interview with Mrs. David will be had.

There are some outstanding leads in the harboring case at Hot Springs, Arkansas, which have not yet been fully developed, but it is expected that they will be covered in full by Special Agents John L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan by the week ending August 21, 1937. Thereafter, in line with the suggestion of Inspector E. J. Connelley, these two agents will return to the Little Rock Field Division and prepare a comprehensive summary of the evidence obtained to date bearing on the harboring of Alvin Karpis at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

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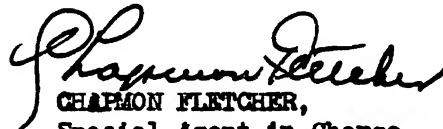
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As I mentioned to you in our telephone conversation, Inspector Connelley indicated that he possibly might be able to be at the Little Rock Field Division for a day or two for the purpose of interviewing Grace Goldstein. Meanwhile, no action will be taken by the Little Rock Field Division to interview Grace Goldstein or any other subject in this case.

Very truly yours,

  
CHAPMAN FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Inspector Connelley

Via AIR MAIL

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

During the course of the harboring investigation presently being conducted at Hot Springs, Arkansas, Special Agents John L. Madala and B. M. Suttler had occasion to interview Marshall Purvis, attorney, of Hot Springs on August 6, 1937. The Bureau will recall that Mr. Purvis has been a valuable confidential informant of this office for several years, and whatever information he has provided in the past has been proven to be true and reliable. It might be stated that Mr. Purvis was the informant who originally advised this office in March, 1936, that Alvin Karpis and some members of his gang came to Hot Springs in an airplane from Ohio shortly after the Garrettsville Train Robbery, he having obtained this information from John Stover, Manager of the Hot Springs Municipal Airport.

Recently Mr. Purvis advised that he will probably represent Chief of Detectives Herbert "Dutch" Akers in the event the Bureau makes a harboring case against Akers and indicts him. He stated that this representation would be occasioned by the fact that he and Akers have been intimate friends for the past five or six years.

Mr. Purvis informed that he has been politically inclined ever since he came to Hot Springs in 1931 to practice law; that he is a good friend and staunch supporter of Mrs. Hattie W. Caraway, U. S. Senator from Arkansas, and through his political affiliations he has come into possession of considerable information which definitely reveals the corrupt political set-up in this State.

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Mr. Purvis confidentially advised agents that Mr. Fred A. Isgrig, the present United States Attorney at Little Rock, Arkansas, is a close and personal friend of Leo P. McLaughlin, the Mayor of Hot Springs, Arkansas. As the Bureau knows, McLaughlin is a prospective defendant in this case. Mr. Purvis went on to state that Mr. Isgrig is politically ambitious, and knowing that McLaughlin can control 4,000 to 5,000 votes in Garland County, Arkansas, he, Mr. Isgrig, has always favored McLaughlin and displayed friendly inclinations toward him.

*Of course copies of rpt in this case should not be sent to WSA at Little Rock Ed*

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Mr. Purvis stated that he knows nothing which would indicate that Mr. Isgrig is dishonest in any way, and that he is submitting the above information for what it is worth.

Mr. Purvis stated that he felt that the Bureau ought to know about the close friendship between Leo P. McLaughlin and Mr. Isgrig, since it appears that there might be indictments in this case at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that these would have to be returned in Mr. Isgrig's district.

Very truly yours,

  
CHAPMON FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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August 25, 1937

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Chapman Fletcher,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
500 Hector Building,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

This will acknowledge receipt of your personal and confidential communication dated August 13, 1937, which had reference to confidential information furnished you by Marshall Purvis, an attorney, at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

You are advised that reports concerning this matter should not be sent to the United States Attorney at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Dawsey .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Foxworth .....  
Mr. Glavin .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Hottel .....  
Mr. McIntire .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Nichols .....  
Mr. Pennington .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
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Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
August 18, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID.

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Dear Sir:

Within the next few days a review of the file of the Little Rock Field Division in this case will be made, and thereafter a summary report on the harboring case at Hot Springs, Arkansas, will be made. For use of the Special Agents assigned to the preparation of this report it is requested that you forward copies of the summary report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn on the harboring case at Toledo, Ohio, and the summary report of Special Agent S. E. McKee on the harboring case at Cleveland, Ohio.

A copy of this letter is being designated for the St. Paul Division, and it is requested that they forward a copy of the summary report of Special Agent E. R. McIntyre, prepared on the prosecution of Arthur R. "Doc" Barker.

Special Agent D. P. Sullivan recalls there was some question recently when the harboring case at Toledo, Ohio, was being discussed with United States Attorney Freed as to the particular indictments to which the various members of the Barker-Karpis gang entered pleas at St. Paul. It is requested that definite information relative to the particular indictments to which members of the gang entered pleas be forwarded to the Little Rock Division.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMAN FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 1489,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
August 13, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: **KARPIS.**

Dear Sir:

You will note in the signed statement of Della May Jeffries, alias Ginger Morgan, as contained on page 6 of the report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, August 10, 1937, that she states that she saw a photograph of Alvin Karpis in a newspaper around the first part of December, 1935. This woman states that this photograph had an accompanying article about six inches long describing Alvin Karpis as "Public Enemy No. 1", and as an individual who was badly wanted by the Federal Government.

Information has recently been obtained that this photograph and article probably appeared in one of the Chicago newspapers. It is therefore suggested that a search of the old files of the Chicago Tribune, the Chicago Herald and Examiner and the Chicago Times, for the months of November and December, 1935, be made for the purpose of locating this photograph and accompanying article. It is probable that this news item appeared in a Sunday edition, and it is entirely probable that this information can be obtained by first searching only the Sunday editions. In the event that the photograph and article are located, it is requested that a copy of the same be forwarded to the Little Rock Division.

It is requested that the investigation requested herein be given your attention at the earliest possible date, as a summary report in the Harboring case at Hot Springs is presently being prepared, and it is desired that the results of your investigation be available in the preparation of this report.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge. 17 1937

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